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GRACE MOORE DIES IN PLANE CRASH

Air Toll 79 in Four Days

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Robeson to Leave Stage To Fight Discrimination

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 26. — Paul Robeson, Negro singer and actor, said yesterday he plans to abandon the theatre and concert stage for the next two years to "talk up and down the nation against prejudice."

Robeson announced his decision while he marched in a picket line sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress of St. Louis in front of the American Theatre to protest its segregation practices.

A picket line of about 30 white and Negro members including Robeson of the organization urged theatre patrons not to enter for a matinee performance of **Apple of His Eye** starring Walter Huston.

Members said Huston met with representatives of the Civil Rights Congress Friday night to declare his sympathy with demonstrations against "Jimcrowism" in any form.

Robeson, who was an outstanding athlete when he attended Rutgers College, carried a placard which read "actor and athlete denounces Jimcrow at American Theatre."

The Negro singer, who gave a concert Friday night at the city-owned Kiel auditorium, said that "some of us will have to speak up and appeal to the people to respect common rights of others."

He praised the non-segregation policy at the auditorium where his benefit concert was held and declared "it seems that I must raise my voice but not by singing pretty songs."

A VISIT TO ROMANIA WITH JOHN PITTMAN, BEGINS TODAY

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Italian Workers Demonstrate: This huge demonstration in Rome protests the intolerably high living costs. At left, Giuseppe de Vittorio, Communist and secretary of the Trade Union's Federation, speaks while thousands march with placards condemning oppressive conditions.

GOP SPEEDS RENT HIKE BILLS IN SENATE

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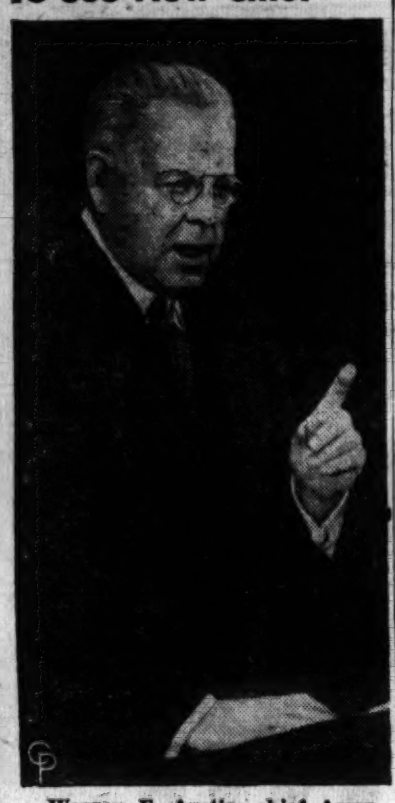
WORLD EVENTS

To See New Chief



Warren E. Austin, chief American delegate to the United Nations, who planned to go to Washington last night to confer with Secretary of State George C. Marshall on major issues confronting the UN. The two men were expected to discuss disarmament. So far the U.S. delegation has fought without support for adoption of Baruch's atomic control plan before establishing a disarmament commission.

Church Paper Asks Dulles Quit; Scores 'West Bloc' Plan

The Protestant-Episcopal Church weekly "The Witness" yesterday called for the resignation of John Foster Dulles from his position of leadership in the Federal Council of Churches for his demand for a "western bloc." Dulles was nailed by the Protestant weekly for advocating control of German economy by international financiers and industrialists which can only lead to war. Dulles' plan for a western bloc "is certainly contrary to the findings of all our church conferences on economic development," the **Witness** declared.

DULLES

"We can never gain any moral influence from a plan which will appear to most people in Europe, as well as to millions everywhere, as a plan for control of the industrial and war potential of Germany by American-British capital; to be used immediately as an economic weapon against the democratization of life in Europe; and to be held as a threat against the future security of the Soviet Union. . . ."

Although Dulles spoke as a Republican in his demand for a western bloc against the Soviet Union, the church paper notes his positions in the church organizations "is a political asset."

THE WITNESS compared Dulles plan to Churchill's. These are directed against "the new democracies of Eastern Europe, just emerging from feudal controls," it continues. "His talk of 'power we possess' is the language of the advocates of the preventive war against the Soviet Union . . . it is not the language of seekers after a just and durable peace, whose Church Commission Mr. Dulles heads."

Brazil Communists Poll One Million Votes

The Brazilian Communist Party has polled at least a million out of less than six million ballots cast in last Sunday's election, it was reported yesterday from Rio de Janeiro.

Communist-supported candidates for the governorships of Brazil's 21 states are still leading in the most important industrial states of Sao Paulo, Rio Grande Do Sul, and Minas Geraes, according to the same AP story in yesterday's Times.

The Communists received 650,000 votes in last September's national elections, and had planned to boost that to a million for the state legislature, the extra senatorships and for the gubernatorial posts. From all reports they have succeeded.

In Recife, the major city of Brazil's northeast, the Communist candidate for governor of Pernambuco state is in the lead. But returns from the hinterland favor the other parties—the government Social-Democrats, the Union Democratico Nacional. In most other states, the Communists did not run their own gubernatorial slates.

In the Rio de Janeiro City Council, which will have fifty members, the Communists are expected to get the largest single number of seats, according to the same story. With only 85,000 votes counted out of half a million in Rio, the Communists are leading with 28,792.

Anglo-Egypt Talks Cancelled

Egypt has broken off British-Egyptian treaty negotiations and will submit all "outstanding problems" to the United Nations Security Council, Premier Mahmoud Fahmy Nokrashy Pasha announced yesterday according to United Press.

Differences over the evacuation of British troops from Egypt and future of the Sudan, administered jointly by Britain and Egypt since 1899, led to the break.

Egypt has demanded merger of the Sudan with Egypt. Britain opposed this.

Briton Doped, Kidnapped; Troops, Hounds, Hunt Holy City

Maj. H. I. Collins, a former British Army officer, was chloroformed yesterday by a Jewish underground girl and three men, stuffed into a sack and kidnaped from his own flat in Jerusalem, according to United Press. A six-hour search by 5,000 troops who hunted from house to house through the Holy City aided by bloodhounds and parachute flares ended unsuccessfully at 9 p.m.

Several score suspects were arrested and taken to police headquarters for questioning, but authorities appeared to have abandoned hope of finding Collins and his kidnappers immediately.

The kidnappers were believed to be members of the underground organization Irgun Zvai Leumi. Irgunists have threatened to kidnap British hostages if Dov Gruner, Irgunist condemned to death for participation in an attack on a police station last April, is hanged Tuesday on schedule.

A girl with whom Collins was having a drink in his apartment spread the alarm. British troops and police cordoned off the area under instructions to "shoot anybody moving."

Military and police vehicles raced through the center of Jerusalem in pursuit of the escaping cat. There was some shooting.

The three men held Collins while the girl covered his face with a cloth saturated with chloroform. The Englishman lapsed into unconsciousness within a minute. Then the abductors stuffed him into a sac and carried him out. The girl who had been drinking with Collins was not molested.

People in the streets raced for shelter in theatres and cafes as military vehicles roared past and guns opened up indiscriminately.

Collins, 48, was manager of the Palbric Company, importers of wool for Italy. His wife and three daughters are in England. He lived alone in a flat near Rosary Convent on Mamillah Road.

Police and troops immediately began dragging out all men and women out of houses within the cordon area. Police officials said they would be screened invididually in an effort to find the kidnappers.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP). — The chair for a U. S. observer at the London Conference on Palestine will be vacant tomorrow when British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin opens the meeting.

It was learned today that the promise of former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to send an observer to London for the meeting still stands. But Byrnes' condition —that both Arabs and Jews also attend—still stands, too, and at the opening meeting, at least, it will not be fulfilled.

WORLD BRIEFS

ADMITS NAZI PARTY PLOTS A COME-BACK

U. S. COMMANDER Gen. Lucius Clay indirectly admitted the charge of an international investigating committee that the Nazi Party is quietly reorganizing for a return to power. Commenting on the report, Clay said the U. S. considered "democratization of Germany a long-range job."

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A YUGOSLAV repatriation official was beaten to death by fascist Yugoslav troops in a Naples DP camp. British authorities who control this camp had previously denied that they allowed fascist military formations to run the DP camps. The Yugoslav official, Vicko Gluncich, died in a hospital a few hours after he was assaulted within the camp.

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SHORE PARTIES in the Antarctic completed installation of landing equipment for the flight of six Douglas planes with Adm. Byrd in the lead plane. This will be the first time land planes of that size have flown off a flat-top.

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THE STATE DEPARTMENT said the U. S. was losing the propaganda battle in Europe and Asia.

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TOP BRASS in the nation demanded greater militarization of the U. S. before the Women's Conference on National Defense. Among the advocates of greater armament were Secretary of War Patterson and Vice Admiral W. H. P. Blandy

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HUNGARIAN members of the World Jewish Congress announced that the Hungarian government had enacted satisfactory laws on restoring Jewish property and were carrying them out. However 180,000 Hungarian Jews still needed more food and clothes.

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AMERICAN and Japanese defense attorneys challenged Gen. Douglas MacArthur's authority to create the International Military Tribunal of the Far East, demanded dismissal of the case against Hideki Tojo and 25 co-defendants.

Why Silence on Stalin Big 3 Bid?

By Joseph Starobin

"We have to find a way of getting along with Russia" says the big papers. You hear it on the radio, you get it from our educators, ministers, and diplomats. Yet almost a week has passed, and not a single important American personality has reacted to the Soviet Union's overture to the United States, revealed earlier this week.

I have in mind a statement by the Soviet premier, Joseph Stalin, in an interview with Elliott Roosevelt, which appears in the current **Look** magazine.

Stalin said he thought not only one, but several meetings of the Big Three were now in order.

STRANGE SILENCE

This is big news, by anybody's standards. Yet this readiness of the Soviet premier to sit down around the table with Clement Attlee and President Truman has been greeted by the queerest kind of cold shoulder over here.

Likewise with Stalin's sensational statement that the Soviet Union doesn't ask to be treated differently from other nations as far as international inspection of atomic energy development is concerned. That is, once feasible controls are in working order.

How come the new Secretary of State, George C. Marshall, hasn't said a word about Stalin's invitation to a Big Three parley?

How come Mr. Warren Austin, our delegate to the UN, doesn't react to the Soviet overture on atomic energy controls?

What is this conspiracy of silence when it comes to the possibility of an important improvement of American-Soviet relations?

BRITISH-SOVIET ACCORD

As matters stand now, Great Britain appears to be turning a page in its American-influenced policy of quarreling with the Soviet Union. The British public is learning that the USSR is only too staunchly behind the Anglo-Soviet treaty, and in fact wants to extend that treaty; the Russians were just as ready to hold out an olive branch to Britain as they were firm in slapping down Foreign Secretary Bevin's apparent denunciation of the Anglo-Soviet accord. And Field Marshal Montgomery has returned from a successful series of military and political talks in Moscow.

Why does the State Department allows itself to be left so far behind by the British? Why the glib talk but the absence of deeds?

STALLED FOREIGN POLICY

After all, every American knows our foreign policy is bollixed up in a series of stalemates, bankruptcies and failures.

Look at China, look at Latin America, look at the pitiful spectacle of our representatives in the UN—and you get a picture of a foreign policy which is getting nowheres in a hurry.

On the eve of the Moscow meeting about Germany, only the most reactionary Republicans like John Foster Dulles are doing the talking. Men like Herbert Hoover are on the go. What they are after, everybody knows, and it bodes no good for the country.

Where are the rest of American diplomats—especially Marshall and President Truman?

Are they going to behave as though the GOP is already in charge of the executive branch, of the White House itself?

How about some common decency, and a little political leadership in meeting Stalin—halfway?

LABOR *and the* NATION

GOP Senators Speed Rent Hike Bills

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Legislation allowing an immediate 15 percent rent increase and abolishing all rent controls by April 1 was expected to be introduced in the Senate, possibly tomorrow, by four Re-publican Senators. Coincidentally, a report issued today by the administration's top men in the housing field, Housing Expediter Frank R. Creedon and National Housing Administrator Raymond M. Foley, revealed how closely the federal program has been geared to the profit demands of the builders.

BLOW TO RENT CONTROL

A companion measure to be sponsored by the same senators, would remove immediately all rent controls from new or converted housing.

Senators expected to sponsor the bills are Harry P. Cain, Wash.; Joseph R. McCarthy, Wis.; George W. Malone, Nev., and Albert W. Hawkes, N.J. Cain and McCarthy are members of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee which passes on housing and rent legislation.

The Creedon-Foley statement revealed that the original goal 2,700,000 housing units for 1946-47 has been reduced by 700,000, despite the failure to reach the quota set for 1946. At the same time the cost per unit has risen, with emphasis being placed on higher priced housing.

The original plan was mapped by Wilson Wyatt, who was forced out as Housing Expediter seven weeks ago.

THREE RESTRICTIONS

"We believe that we are adjusting the program to realities," the Creedon-Foley statement said. "Private industry is practically on its own again," it stated and the wartime responsibilities of the federal government have been returned to the private builders.

There are now only three restrictions in the sales housing field:

1—Non-residential limits are still in effect, although an increase from $35,000,000 to $50,000,000 has been made in the weekly average quota for non-housing authorizations.

2—The $10,000 cost ceiling on one house has been removed and replaced with a space limit of 1,500 square feet, which enables builders to raise the prices on small family dwellings.

3—Fixtures may now be installed in only one bathroom per house.

The Creedon - Foley statement, however, warns against relaxation of controls, but offers nothing more than a hope to hold down current building costs. They state that they expect "lower building costs as a result of increased efficiency in construction and production."

Money or Human Beings?

AN EDITORIAL

THE government's ruling that "hardship cases" may justify a raise in rents shows better than anything how Washington thinks about the whole matter.

Four Republican Senators, quick to exploit the government's stand, are rushing up with a bill to provide an immediate hike in rent ceilings by 15 percent and the end of all rent controls by April 1.

The millions of Americans who can find no decent homes—they suffer no "hardship" which interests the government.

The vets who came home to crowded living with in-laws, to fruitless hunt for apartments—for them there is no "hardship" which interests the government or Congress.

But the landlord who is not getting "enough profit" on his investment, the landlord who is being cheated of the right to get in on the profiteering that is going on left and right—for him there is a "hardship" which rouses the government to action.

For human beings—indifference.

For invested money—tender care and "relief."

The whole thing is crazy. It is upside down.

It is the human beings who are suffering hardship. It is they who demand governmental action, public housing projects on a vast scale.

The "hardship of money" can wait. It is the hardship of human beings which comes first.

New CIO Pamphlet Tells Story of WFTU

The CIO "will continue to play a major role in the affairs of world labor," President Philip Murray writes in a foreword to a new CIO pamphlet entitled "You and the WFTU."

"The CIO was quick to realize that the unity of the peoples developed during the war must be carried over into the peace," Murray wrote. "For that reason the CIO was among the first to press for formation of an international organization of workers.

"The World Federation of Trade Unions, created in the autumn of 1945, is in no small measure the work of CIO; and we look forward to participating actively in its future development."

AL CAPONE, shown in his heyday as czar of the Chicago underworld. Survivors of Capone, who died Saturday night, were undecided about providing a lavish Chicago funeral or a quiet burial in Florida.

CIO Hits AFL's Flirt with Wall St.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Organization director Allan S. Haywood of the CIO today rapped top AFL leaders for seeking the "smile" of Big Business by joining in attacks upon CIO wage demands. Writing in the CIO News, Haywood cited the AFL's denunciation of the Nathan Report which showed that industry generally could give a 25 percent wage raise and still retain a high profit.

The AFL's attack charged that the Nathan report was a "communist" plot to help "Russia" by increasing unemployment and "destroying free enterprise.'

"This is the most diabolical position ever taken by a so-called labor organizations," wrote Haywood.

Since Dulles' plan for Germany is

"They are breaking their necks to be self-respectable in the hope that industrialists will benevolently smile upon them. They clothe themselves in the respectability of having no strikes, but they fail to mention the miners' strikes and many other strikes that have taken place among AFL groups.

"What is really hurting them is that the CIO is leading the way and the workers of the nation know it, and will not be deceived by the kind of anti-unionism, that the AFL, through its mouthpieces, is proclaiming."

The Haywood attack came as AFL top leaders were gathering at Miami for tomorrow's opening of the quarterly session of the executive council. The council is presumably to take up the CIO's bid for united labor action to combat the anti-labor bills.

A "top-bracket" AFL spokesman, according to United Press dispelled hopes of such united action with the assertion that "there can be no unity in labor until there is organic unity." That was the answer from the AFL two years ago when the CIO made a similar proposal.

Ga. Legislature Faces Gov. Test

ATLANTA, Jan. 26.—The Georgia Legislature, fresh from sounding out sentiment at home in a weekend recess, came back tonight for an almost certain showdown tomorrow on the respective claims of Herman Talmadge and M. E. Thompson for the governorship.

The affairs of the state have reached a precarious point, and public feeling has become so aroused, that something almost has to be done this week to break up the political stalemate.

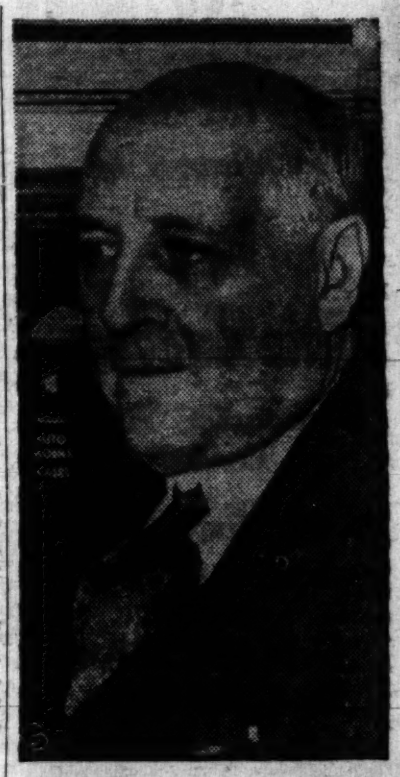
Here is the schedule for Monday:

1. Talmadge will ask the Senate, which split 27 to 27 on its last governorship issue, to confirm 13 appointments that would consolidate his grip on state house departments.

2. Talmadge will ask the House to give immediate third reading, and passage, to a measure to restore the all-white primary in Georgia, making it the business of the Democratic party rather than the general state election machinery. The particulars of this bill were most keenly taken up by the legislators with their constituents over the weekend.

3. Thompson supporters will present a bill in both houses to repeal the 1878 statute protecting Talmadge from **quo warranto** or "show cause" legal action. By this measure Thompson hopes to speed up court action on his attempts to oust Talmadge from the executive chair.

4. The newly organized civic group, "Aroused Citizens of Georgia" will hold a meeting in an Atlanta Hotel for the purpose of signing up chapters from every part of the state.



IT AIN'T SO, former Rep. Andrew J. May (D-Ky) said in effect upon his arraignment on conspiracy charges in Washington. This photo of the guy who gallivanted with the Garssons was taken shortly before he entered his "not guilty" plea.

Allis Strikers Vote on Union

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 26.—Striking Allis Chalmers workers began casting ballots at 8 a. m. today in an orderly election. Choice is between the UAW, the "independent" union or no union.

More than 9,000 were expected to vote before the close of balloting at 10 p. m. With the strike now 272 days old, the outcome is expected to have wide repercussions.

LABOR BRIEFS

DETROIT CIO SPARKS RENT CONTROL DRIVE

RENT CONTRAL camapign has been initiated by Wayne County CIO Council (Detroit). Speakers at the Council's first mass rent rally, Jan. 29, will urge building tenant councils and neighborhood actions.

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UNDERPAID STATE workers are plugging for a new bill introduced in the New York leigslature. Sponsored by State Senator Kenneth Sherbell and Assemblyman Bernard Austin and backed by the CIO Public Workers, the bill provides for a $650 yearly increase.

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CIO SLEUTHS track down "The Case of the Vanishing Paycheck" in a pamphlet just off the press. It shows how current taxes take chunks out of the income of a worker's family.

JACK CARSON RAPS GOP TAX PLAN

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 26 (UP).—Three surprised Washington gents will open telegrams Monday morning to find out there's one guy in Hollywood who doesn't want his income tax reduced.

Congressmen, comedian Jack Carson thinks you're being too good to him. He wants you to stop trying to give him money and start worrying instead over the little-money people.

In short, he's agin the income tax reduction talk currently batting about in Congress.

So much, in fact, that he wired President Truman, who knows a few people, Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio, who can pull a few strings, and Rep. Harold Knutson of Minnesota, who thought up the idea in the first place.

HELP WAGE-EARNER

"There's nothing about a well-earned buck that repels me," Carson told us when we called on him for an explanation. "I'd like to save a tax dollar as well as the next guy. But I'd like the fellow with the little income to get the first break."

The comedian told Messrs. Truman, Taft and Knutson that as one who had been fortunate enough (modest, isn't he) to earn more than $200,000 last year he "protested the passage of a bill proposing a blanket 20 percent tax cut for all incomes under $300,000."

A tax relief bill, he said, should help the bulk of American wage earners who pull down less than $5,000 a year.

THE PLAN

Now here, Congressmen, is the Carson tax plan.

"The tax reduction should be on a graduating scale that gives the greatest percentage of savings to the smallest income group and diminishes in the higher income group," Carson rattled off.

It just didn't seem fair, by golly. His saving would be more than a lot of people make all year.

"I still remember the days I was broke," he said. "That was when vaudeville went out, and, brother, I went out with it."

Before he hit the big-time on the screen and in the air in 1940 he would have been most happy to have his income tax whacked.

"Anybody who's had an empty stomach knows money is only important for what it buys," said Jack. "When it begins to mean food it's important. And that's what it means now to the low wage earner."

After all, he added, he can wear only one suit at a time, drive one car and sleep in one bed.

"There's a saturation point in incomes," he said. "After that, what good is money?"

Carson said he thought the rich folks should support the government the heaviest. The poor folks (hear! hear!) have enough worries on their minds.

Small Business

By Alan Max

The Senate voted 46-42 to extend the Small Business Committee—but not necessarily to extend small business.

NEW YORK

Negro Vet Rescues 10 Families From Fire

By John Hudson Jones and Arnold Sroog

Quick action by a young Negro veteran saved 10 families from being trapped by an early morning three-alarm blaze that yesterday gutted a five-story tenement at 309 W. 116 St. William Baker, 28, of 279 W. 119 St., was eating at the H&W Grill, 116 St. and Eighth Ave., when he spotted sparks shooting out of the roof of the tenement at 4:30 a.m. He dashed out of the restaurant to the house and roused the tenants on the first floor.

Then he ran out and turned in the alarm. He rushed back to the house and led all the families to safety before the first fire truck arrived, some 10-12 minutes after he turned in the alarm.

MOTHER, INFANT SAVED

By that time flames were shooting out of every window in the house. But for Baker's presence of mind the families would have faced death in the flame. Among those Baker helped out of the burning tenement was a woman with an infant.

Baker served as a fireman in the 811th Combat Engineers in the South Pacific. He is married and working as a baker for F. W. Woolworth Co. He came to this city from Portsmouth, Va., where he was born.

While the origin of the blaze was not officially determined, firemen believed it started in a beauty parlor on the ground floor. A concrete fire-resistant staircase was credited by firemen with helping prevent a major tragedy.

Four families living on two top floors of the neighboring tenement at 311 W. 116 St. were also routed by the blaze and their apartments damaged. Twelve hours after the alarm was turned in the building was still smouldering.

The United Harlem Tenants and consumers Organization held a mass meeting at the scene yesterday afternoon to protest the lack of fire protection in Harlem. Several of the burned out families attended. The rally demanded the city Welfare Department act to relocate the 14 homeless families immediately.

After helping lead the families out of the tenement, Baker directed several of them to the Red Cross for aid. Others he managed to place temporarily in nearby rooming houses, by interceding with the owners.

Sincerest condolences to family and friends of

Brother CHARLES KRUMBEIN

Our Order has lost an honored member

Jefferson Lodge 159, IWO

In Memory of

Ray Friedlander

Communist, Youth Leader

Died in Italy fighting fascism Jan. 27, 1944

Clare and Lester Rose and Sid

We mourn the loss of

Comrade CHARLES KRUMBEIN

A valiant fighter for the working class

Communist Party Armenian National Bureau

In Memoriam

My heartfelt condolences to you, Margaret, on the death of our beloved comrade, CHARLES KRUMBEIN. His memory will never die.—Rose Baron.

TO MARGARET—Our heartfelt condolences. In memory of CHARLES KRUMBEIN we make this vow—the fight will go on!—Harry Gannes Club, Crown Heights.

Macy Workers Snow Under Red-Baiters

The administration slate headed by president Sam Kovenetsky was elected overwhelmingly by CIO Macy Department Store workers in a record turnout Saturday. The opposition "Free Slate" ran only five candidates who devoted their campaign to red-baiting.

Elected with Kovenetsky, who was unopposed, were Marcella Loring and Victor Lopes, first and second vice-presidents respectively. Kovenetsky hailed the "tremendous victory" and declared that "efforts to divide the membership on false issues, principally red-baiting, have failed as they always fail when a union mebership is determined to win higher standards for itself.

The union, Local 1-S, is entering negotiations for a $10 wage increase, a 35-hour week and a $35 minimum wage.

Kovenetsky received 4,064 votes. Loring got 3,672 to 930 for Estelle; Lopes, 3,666 to 954 for Francis Drollinger. Balloting results for other officers were: financial secretary, William Cooper by 3,696 to 939; recording secretary, Sylvia Gottlieb, 3,776 (no opposition).

NEW POST for Arthur G. Price is Special Projects Director of the Southern Negro Youth Congress. He is from Nashville, Tenn., and worked with the SNYC before joining the armed forces. During his service he attained the rank of captain.

Foster's Speech Now In Penny Pamphlet

William Z. Foster's speech in Madison Square Garden Wednesday night is being published in one million copies as a pamphlet by New Century Publishers. Title is WORKERS, DEFEND YOUR UNIONS! Price is one cent.

Hey, NAM—Even Dead Cats Cost More Now

Inflationary pressures have boosted the price of preserved cats and lobsters with a resulting increase in laboratory fees for biology students at City College next semester, Professor James A. Dawson, department of biology chairman, announced yesterday.

Dead cats of the alley variety, formerly priced at $3 to $4 now, cost $6 each, Dr. Dawson said. Lobsters, purchasable at one time for $65 per hundred, at the present time retail for $140 per hundred.

Dr. Dawson declared that the situation has become so desperate it will be necessary to ration one turtle to every two students—in those courses where turtles are used for dissection purposes. Formerly, each student was permitted his own individual turtle.

Despite the $1 increase in biology fees, however, Dr. Dawson maintained that laboratory charges at City College still remain lower than at any other college in the country.

TWU Sets Up New Taxi Union

A new labor union will hit the streets early Wednesday morning. Aimed at organizing New York's 30,000 hackies into one big union, this new local will be known as the City Wide Taxi Workers, Local 300, Transport Workers Union, CIO, it was announced yesterday.

Douglas L. MacMahon, International secretary treasurer of TWU will present the new taxi union with its charter at ceremonies scheduled to take place at TWU Hall at 2 a.m. Wednesday, directly after the Tuesday night shift.

Local 300, formed by the merger last week of Local 150 Transport Workers Union, CIO and the City Wide Taxi Workers Union, an independent group, is believed to represent a real hope to cabbies who have been confused by the uncertain labor picture mainly dominated by company unions. It is felt that in the long run, even the big operators would benefit by the stabilization of the taxi industry brought about by unionization.

Harry Ellis, head of the City Wide Union before its affiliation with TWU, revealed that his executive board had been empowered two months ago to seek affiliation with an International and that it was willing to combine its 2,500 members with any union whose record and policies were acceptable to the hackies of New York.

"John L. Lewis' District 50 put in its bid," Ellis declared, "but after investigation we found certain elements in the leadership to be phony. Only the other day, its president resigned because he found his own union to be undemocratic. The only union in New York whose past record of fighting for cabbies was honest was Local 150, TWU."

ALP Lecture Tonight

The American Labor Party's series of "Behind the Scenes" reports continues with a lecture by Grant S. McClellan, staff member of the Foreign Policy Association, author and lecturer on British foreign policy. The meeting will be held tonight at 28 Greenwich Ave.

The Curious Tammany 'Clean-Up'

By Max Gordon

THE fight on the present Tammany Hall leadership, to which President Truman has now apparently given his personal blessing, has a lot more to it than the cleaning up of a local political machine.

The method used is typical of machine politics—patronage. Sampson was taken to Truman by State Democratic Chairman Paul Fitzpatrick Friday to make it plain that federal patronage for Manhattan would henceforth go through Sampson rather than through the regular Tammany leadership.

The battle was launched by Mayor O'Dwyer some months ago on the grounds that the present leadership it too closely associated with underworld elements, notably Frank J. Costello.

Specifically, O'Dwyer has made it plain he is anxious to see the two powers behind Tammany's rather shaky throne—Bert Stand, secretary, and Clarence Neal, chairman of the elections committee—be eliminated. They are the ones generally considered responsible for association with Costello and other underworld characters.

MAYOR'S OPPOSITION

There is little doubt that the Mayor is also anxious to replace the present leaders because he wants to control the Democratic organization in the city. He has intervened actively in the Brooklyn and Queens organizations, as well.

While Sampson is the Mayor's candidate for leader, it was not O'Dwyer who organized the group of so-called "Irish" leaders on the west side which advanced Sampson's candidacy against the present leadership.

This bunch has been battling the Loughlin - Stand - Neal group for years. While it used the angle of corruption in its fight, actually there were deeper political motives.

Its moving spirits are Dennis Mahon, ex-Sen. John L. Buckley and a few others who were bitterly anti-New Deal during the Roosevelt period. Their main fight was directed against the backing given the Roosevelt program by the New York Democratic organization. It expressed itself, among other things, in their last-ditch struggles against Rep. Vito Marcantonio when he sought the Democratic nomination for Congress.

Mayor O'Dwyer's motives may bear no relation to those of Sampson's main backers. But basic political line-ups of national significance are cutting across his fight against the present leaders of Tammany, corrupt though they undoubtedly are.

RACIAL ANGLES

Racial angels have entered the leadership fight as a result of the almost exclusive Irish character of the Sampson group. Guy Brewer, Negro insurgent who was ousted from leadership in the 12th A. D. by the current county heads, has accused it of being anti-Negro, anti-Jewish and anti-Italian. He claimed he was shut out of the group, though bitterly anti-Loughlin, because he was Negro.

Jewish and Italian leaders have also privately charged that there are elements of Irish domination involved, particularly since the anti-Roosevelt elements are also accused of having Christian Front leanings.

At the moment, the bulk of the Tammany leaders representing 11 and a half of the 17 votes in the Tammany executive committee, are against Sampson. But there are reports that the combined pressure of national, state and city patronage is having its effects in swinging support to him.

While civic-minded citizens can hold no brief for the corrupt practices and associations of the Loughlin - Stand - Neal leadership, substitution of the Sampson-Mahon-Buckley crew has all the aspects of a frying pan-to-fire leap.

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Addes Urges Counter Drive on Anti-Labor Bills

By William Allan

CLEVELAND, Jan. 26.—George F. Addes, secretary-treasurer of the CIO Auto Workers, addressing the union's educational conference, called upon America's 15,000,000 organized workers to launch a counter offensive against anti-labor legislation now in Congress.

Addes in his speech last night charged this mass attack against labor stems from the National Association of Manufacturers' aim to cripple labor in the coming wage battle.

ADDES

Addes called on each delegate to mobilize every member, friend and ally of labor in defense of the unions.

"We face actual destruction of unions in America," he said. "We face the end of the right to strike. We face the return of the open shop before we even get a chance to bargain on anything." Because of divided ranks amongst labor and progressive forces in the nation, Addes said, reaction has the jump on us and we must catch up or we are defeated.

Walter P. Reuther, UAW president, omitted any specific reference to Congressional attacks on labor. In an hour-long talk, Reuther said little on the impending wage struggle to the 1,000 delegates whose job it will be to clarify union tactices in that struggle.

Reuther's mention of wages amounted to a passing prediction that "we will get higher wages, industry will get higher profits and the public will be paying less for their cars."

Big Business, the press and Congress were attacked by James B. Carey, secretary of the CIO.

Carey charged the American press "is largely the house organ for Big Business," He told the 1,000 delegates that "workers had better realize that when the OPA was destroyed, price control was not. Price control still is exercised by Big Business.

"Big Business should be asked: 'What are you doing now that you didn't do after the last war to prevent a depression?' "

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, said she thought the majority party in Congress would think twice about passing the present legislation. She observed that "we should wait and see just actually what they will bring out." This innocence about reaction's attempts to smash labor on the eve of the wage struggle amazed many delegates, particularly following Addes' speech.

Earlier, Pare Lorenz, educational film producer, recommended that unions produce documentary films to present their case to the public.

He urged that they employ their own staffs in making the movies, rather than relying on Hollywood.

PCA Youth Rap Plans To Muzzle Students

Attacking a proposal in the State Legislature to outlaw student strikes, Jerry Chamberlain, vice-chairman of the New York Young Progressive Citizens of America today stated in a telegram to Assemblyman Frank P. Davern, the bill's sponsor, that "Young PCA considers your proposed bill to outlaw student strikes a blow at the roots of democracy."

Empire State Leap Takes Vet's Life

A distraught young Army veteran leaped 86 floors to his death yesterday from the observation tower of the Empire State building. His body fell on a woman taking a Sunday morning stroll in the street below.

The young man, David H. Gordon, Jr., 31, died at once. The woman, Mrs. Frances Coover of Ames, Ia., vacationing here, suffered multiple fractures and was rushed to St. Vincent's Hospital in critical condition. Her sister, Mrs. Hazel De Lapp, Norwalk, Conn., walking beside her, escaped unharmed.

Gordon entered the building, world's tallest, shortly before noon. He paid $1.20 for a ticket to the observation tower, leaving him with 29 cents in his pockets. He chatted pleasantly with elevator operator James Leffler, who took him to the tower.

A half-dozen persons stood at the railing, gazing at the clouded New York skyline, when Gordon reached the tower. He struck up a conversation with naval chief petty officer James Lambert.

A few minutes later, Gordon removed his hat and overcoat. He took off his eye glasses and put them, along with his gloves, in the pocket of the coat. He folded the coat neatly and put it on the floor.

Then he grasped the parapet and began to raise a leg to climb to the edge.

"What are you going to do?" Lambert demanded.

"I'm going to jump off," Gordon replied.

"Why do you want to do that?"

"Why not?"

Lambert shouted to two guards on the tower to stop Gordon. They rushed to the parapet. It was too late. His body already was hurtling toward the street.

Below Mrs. Coover and her sister strolling along slowly, before they even knew what happened, Gordon's body had crashed into Mrs. Coover. She was knocked to the pavement in a heap. Gordon's body hit the sidewalk, his blood splattering about.

Gordon lived at the Men's Residence Club, where his bills were paid by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David H. Gordon of Miami, Fla. Acquaintances at the club said he appeared to be suffering from a mental disorder. He was said to have been a brilliant student at Harvard University before his enlistment in the Army, from which he was discharged about a year ago.

He was a nephew of Max Furman, assistant attorney-general for the state of New York.

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That 'Iron Curtain'

FACTS VERSUS EVIL FANTASY

By John Pittman

I HAVE BEEN VISITING one of the countries behind the "iron curtain," that false boundry-line between western and eastern Europe created by the diseased imagination of Josef Goebbels and taken up by Winston Churchill.

According to both these notorious phrase-mongers, on the eastern side of this imaginary line there is supposedly a dark night of tyranny, destitution and barbarism, a night of misery and hopelessness said to be the inevitable consequences of a waning Anglo-American sun and the growing ascendancy of an eastern star.

Such is the evil fantasy of a hate-drugged mind.

The reality is otherwise. This land is literally bursting with new life and new hope.

And the faces of the people—of the peasant women at the village market-places, of the transient workmen removing the debris of a bombed office building, of the Gypsy girls selling flowers in the street, of the soldiers of the new people's army—these are faces reflecting a pride and a purpose, a vitality and a vision you will not find in the home states of Theodore Bilbo and James Byrnes, nor in India and South Africa and the Belgian Congo, nor in other lands where the Anglo-American sun still sears the sight of men with its arrogant, pitiless glare.

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THIS LEATHER-FACED old peasant driving home his cattle a few miles outside of Bucharest, what does he think about the "iron curtain"?

It is nearly night and all day he has stood in line to vote. In the twilight he is a weird silhouette, his clothes a patchwork of odd pieces of cloth, his legs bound in strips of rags, his feet in crude leather sandals tied to his legs with string and heavy with mud.

He pats the head of his cow and smiles without a trace of fear at the strange newspapermen in the automobile. He is glad to meet us. He is eager to tell how he voted.

For the Bloc of Democratic Parties, of course! And why?

Because for all his life and for all the lives of his fathers and grandfathers as long ago as legend can recall, his people have been peasants. But never before the government of the Bloc of Democratic Parties have they ever worked land of their own.

Now he has enough land of his own to take care of his family. He doesn't owe anybody for it. He is not afraid he will lose it. And he intends to improve it for his sons.

He feels like a new human being, and he laughs easily and isn't afraid any more.

This was the first time in his life he had seen an election without peasants being beaten by gendarmes. And why were they beaten before? Merely because, he said, "we are peasants." Nearly 80 percent of Romania's 16 million people are peasants.

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ON THE OUTSKIRTS of Atlanta, Ga., there are many peasants, Negro and white. Almost four score years ago, when Sherman marched to the sea, the Negroes were promised "forty acres and a mule." The whites were told that if they helped keep the Negroes "in their place," they would grow fat and prosperous. But in nearly 80 years neither Negroes nor whites have come to possess their land. Like their fathers and grandfathers before them, they still work for the landlords. To strangers, they are cold, aloof. They laugh, but not easily. The whites vote sometimes, if their poll taxes are paid. The Negroes don't vote. Deep South, USA, is a land of peasants.

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HERE ON THE MORROW of the elections there is a great demonstration in Bucharest's Piatsa Natsiunii (Square of the Nation). I have heard the expression used too often—"a sea of up-turned faces." To avoid triteness, let us imagine—if we can—half a million people packed into a great public square and overflowing into every intersecting street, with every face looking toward a speakers rostrum in a corner of the square.

There Prime Minister Petru Groza and other successful candidates are thanking the people for the victory of the democratic bloc. Away from the square, the city is dead; its population is here.

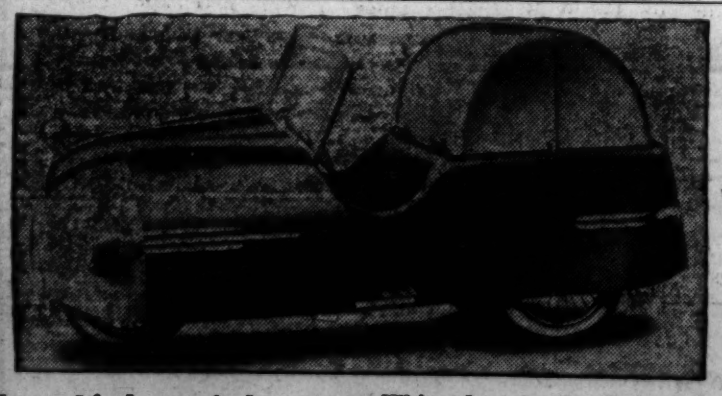
Can such enthusiasm be feigned? Are all these thousands of people, young and old, women and men, workers and peasants, Gypsies and Hungarians and Rumanians—are they all to be classified as a gullible rabble who automatically respond to the signal of a government lackey?

Is this repression by a secret police?

Is the mailed fist of the Red Army in evidence?

Or is it not easier, simpler, and more realistic to see this demonstration merely as the exuberance of a people who for the first time in their lives have participated in choosing their own government, and who expect that government to attempt the fulfillment of their desires?

This, indeed, is the reality. The "iron curtain" of Goebbels, Churchill and their puny imitators is but the reflection in fantasy of eyes that will not see, minds that will not reason—a fantasy doomed to perish along with its creators.



New Lightweight Car: Whipped up by the General Developing Co. of Ridgewood, L. I., this 175-pound car is touted as making 100 miles on a gallon with a top speed of 50 miles an hour. The Comet sells for $500, has a plastic body, and a tubular frame welded in a single part. The blurb says the car should bring "the two cars in every garage within reach of most of us." Huh?

Punish Romanian Black Marketeers: One of the ways is to expose them before the public for their illegal profiteering. Here, a watchful policeman stands by as some of the captured black marketers shovel snow in Bucharest. One of the culprits holds a heavily-lettered sign saying: "Black Marketeers of the stock exchange and dry goods."

Science Notebook

COUNTER-ATTACK ON POLIO

By Peter Stone

FOR THE FIRST TIME since infantile paralysis (poliomyelitis)was observed in 1840, it has become possible to infect white mice with the virus disease from humans.

Up to this year research scientists were unable to infect directly with polio, laboratory animals other than certain species of monkeys. The result was costly and time-consuming. The mice experiments were carried on at the Michael Reese Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

Other scientists at the Stanford Department of Chemistry announced the isolation of the polio virus in a state indicated by laboratory tests to be at least 80 percent pure. This research opens the path to the possible development of a vaccine for use against infantile paralysis. Identification of these tiny disease bearing viruses was made by an electron microscope. The scientists figure that these are so small that 40,000 units could be placed single file across a pinhead. This research was also made possible with funds supplied by the National Foundation.

The term infantile paralysis is a misnomer. While it is true that polio occurs most frequently in children, the disease also attacks adults. It is also a fact that paralysis occurs in only a fraction of the total number of cases, and many persons throw off the infection with just a very minor illness that cannot be distinguished from other small complaints. Such an individual may even proceed to the stage of a stiff neck and other symptoms indicating that the nervous system has been affected, but paralysis does not hit any muscle groups. (This does not mean that all stiff necks, and nerve disorders are signs of polio).

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THE ATTACK against polio really began in 1908, when Nobel laureate Dr. Karl Landsteiner made the first successful transmission of the disease from the human to the monkey. His work was followed a short time later by the contribution of Dr. Simon Flexner, who showed that it was possible to pass the infection on to other monkeys. Flexner later proved that he could pass this infection agent through the finest earthern filter. (Hence the name filterable virus).

Little progress could be made by such slow methods and the limitations of funds. Research on a national scale began only with the inauguration of the March of Dimes campaign as a public measure of thanks to Franklin D. Roosevelt. The National Fundation has since granted funds to communities for hospital beds, hot-pack machines, hydrotherapy tanks, respirators, as well as trained nurses, doctors and physical therapists.

One group of scientists is engaged in the study of poliomyletis transmission. Sufficient evidence is at hand to indicate that the disease is not spread by the water supply, sewage, or flies. Scientific thinking today says that transmission of polio depends upon human contacts as the most important (if not the only) method of spreading the disease. A Chicago study of last year reported that multiple cases of polio in the family were the rule rather than the exception. It concluded that the disease was contagious perhaps to the degree of 90 percent in the one and a half to 3 and a half age group.

THERE IS STILL no cure for polio. Present day methods can alleviate pain, but cannot prevent paralysis. Sister Kenny's treatment is gentle massage and the application of a hot-water dipped soft wool blanket. The intense heat received from her method affords great relief. Her physical therapy (massage) lessens the stiffness of the joints, and the shortening of the muscles. In addition the Kenny treatment makes the most of the remaining muscular strength. Under the careful, skilled hands of Kenny nurses and technicians, patients can be taught the effective use of legs, arms and backs that once were considered hopelessly paralyzed. This type of work is also under the sponsorship of the National Foundation.

The people of this country poured out their hearts and money to this cause associated with the name of a great President Let us finish the job. Send in money now,* as your Roosevelt memorial for the complete elimination of polio.

* National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, 120 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

— Press Roundup —

'Trib' Wants Rent Control But . . .

THE HERALD TRIBUNE favors "adequate and fair" rent control —but before it is through "defending" rent control—it demands higher rent: "Ceilings may have to be modified, since landlords' expenses follow a general upward trend." Tenants can say, We'll protect ourselves fro mour enemies but God save us from our "friends."

The **Trib** is glad that Gen. Marshall will attend the Moscow conference March 10.

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THE MIRROR'S Drew Pearson notes that Sen. Ball has presented bills outlawing the closed shop and that "he's also an advocate of compulsory arbitration." He then quotes Ball's attack against a bill introduced by Vinson of Georgia in 1941 outlawing the closed shop: "The unions, which have fought long and hard for closed-shop agreements," said Ball in 1941, "would resent such legislation bitterly. I think it would increase industrial strife rather than promote harmony. . . ." Regarding compulsory arbitration Ball said in 1941: "I am absolutely opposed to . . . a requirement for compulsory arbitration. For one thing Congress could not stop strikes by such legislation."

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THE TIMES Paris correspondent, Lansing Warren cables, "It was mainly through the exertion of Communist pressure that the Socialists, Radicals and Popular Republicans in the end agreed once more to try collaboration in a Cabinet between competing and often opposing parties." Warren shows the Communists fight for France and for democracy and greater "control of affairs by the working classes." Which proves what a liar Arthur Koestler was when he wrote his fantasy about Comumnist "traitors" in the previous week's Times.

Sidney Gruson who sent dispatch after dispatch about alleged government terror in Poland finally cables, a week after the elections: "Nothing will be achieved in full if the government continues to be opposed with violence and terror." This confession about the real origin and perpetrators of terror in Poland is buried after two weeks of front page propaganda against the Polish government.

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PM'S Ralph Ingersoll cables from Warsaw "The parties that have led in rebuilding Poland from starvation and ruins to a going status won. If the other side had won, the Lord knows what would have happened to Poland, but no one doubts that terror would have been redoubled in spades. What the news of the election has obscured is the wonderful drive and optimism of the coalition Socialist - Communist government in getting on with the job of making Poland livable."

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THE NEWS says labor has been having things its own way under the Roosevelt era and it now looks forward to a change. It sighs for the Hoover epoch and places its confidence in big business which was so successful in bringing America to Hoovervilles and depression.

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THE JOURNAL - AMERICAN'S dean of pro-Nazi correspondents, Karl H. Von Wiegand, attacks the Labor government of England for "its gigantic nationalization scheme." He sees hope in the gathering of Arab states to fight Communism.

WORTH REPEATING

Will Crooks, British labor leader, and M.P., born in 1842, said: "The first lesson one learns in Parliament is that the two great parties generally forget their political differences when the just claims of the people threaten their pockets."

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Signs of Awakening

SIGNS of an awakening to the threatened danger to unions are multiplying throughout the country as the high priests of the AFL open their quarterly executive council session at Miami today.

Close on the heels of the formation of a united labor front in Chicago came reports of similar joint bodies on a statewide scale in Indiana and Utah.

Joint bodies of the 21 railroad unions that were inactive since last May's strike, are taking on life. Their initiative is helping to bring CIO and AFL leaders together.

Reports are also widespread of unofficial talks between CIO and AFL leaders in states and cities. Those too are expected to result in united action bodies.

There is already enough happening to show that the members and leaders below do not share the keep-labor-divided policy of the boys now warming themselves in Miami.

But what we have seen so far is only a small beginning. Unfortunately, too many in the AFL have forgotten that they needn't wait for a Bill Green or a George Meany to act on joint action with the CIO and Railroad Brotherhoods. If these people have it their way, there won't be any kind of joint action.

The extent to which the state and city leaders of the AFL move will also indicate whether the boys in Miami will move. The Greens and Meanys do move at times when confronted with a sweeping grass roots sentiment.

They should hear from the unions back home while they bask in Miami's sunshine. The emergency character of the present situation and urgency of vigorous action must be beaten into their hard skulls.

As Martin J. Donahue of New Jersey's Railway Trainmen said: **"Reactionaries are pressing a solid front to battle labor, but various groups of labor are trying to kill each other off."**

The alternative to joint labor action is "killing each other off" and all labor being killed off by Big Business. That was ABC back in the early days of the AFL. But it seems that the ABCs have to be once more driven into ossified minds of the AFL's leaders.

Paraguay Parable

WE LIKE to keep an eye on the "little items" in the day's papers, those small one- and two-inch fillers which sometimes pack a bigger wallop than the headlines.

We think most Americans are that way: they read the "eye catchers" first. And there are loads of them every day, especially from faraway places.

For instance, take Paraguay, a small country way down at the end of the hemisphere. There's a story there as timely as anything happening here—and just as important.

A few days ago, the dictator, Higinio Morinigo, discovered a big "Red plot"—one of those fakes that would make the eyes of a J. Parnell Thomas pop.

The dictator suppressed the Communist Party, which had been legal for a mere half year.

Yesterday came the pay-off. After suppressing the Communists, Morinigo arrested the former foreign minister, Justo Prieto, and several other members of the Liberal Party. They, too, were "Communists." And two of the largest newspapers in the Paraguayan capital were shut down.

It's an old lesson. American liberals, take note.

MUGGER

Letters From Our Readers

Big Business, China And Labor

Pt. Orchard, Wash.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I have been asked a good many times just why the United States is keeping troops in China. My reply in most cases has been that it is to advance the interests of big business by opening large factories, mills, mines and shipping facilities.

The average wage in factories, I understand, is about nine cents a day, or the equivalent of about two bowls of rice. Should the Americans and British be successful in helping to keep up the civil war and maintaining their puppet Chiang Kai-shek as a dictator, it will result in compelling the workers in the United States and Britain to compete with nine-cent-per-day labor, and would act as an anchor weight holding down the world labor movement.

WM. FERGUSON.

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Fascism and the Democratic Tradition

Newark, N. J.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Numerous articles in our press tell that one of the reasons fascism got control in Germany was its lack of democratic tradition. In view of this, I believe we should expand upon the great American democratic traditions as an educator against the rise of Fascism here.

While we are helping to build a Third Party, we should tie in the historical traditions of the Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln and Roosevelt periods as examples of American endeavor in Progressive movements.

Armed with the precedent, it would be easier for the people to give rise to the progressive spirit and in turn make a barrier over which no fascist or reactionary could leap.—E. P.

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Wants More Boom and Bust

New York.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I hope the "Boom or Bust" series is the beginning of the Marxist analyses of current issues we all have been waiting for.

My friends and I have cut the series out for future reference. Allen's stuff is the kind we want more of.

D. K.

ECONOMIC ISSUES

PROPAGANDA – BY WHOM?

By Labor Research Assn.

THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS was never delivered. But read it, anyway, and we'll explain below:

"Foreign workers, most of whom recognize that their countries will retrogress under increasing **capitalist** control of production, prices and markets, are opposing such control in every way they can.

"They are looking, however, to **Soviet** business leaders for advice and assistance in carrying on the common worldwide battle to stem the tide of **monopoly capitalism.**

"The system of **socialist** competitive enterprise would not survive, even in the **Soviet Union,** if the industries of most of the countries of the world became **capitalist** monopolies. It is in this area that the Soviet Union's most important stake in world trade lies. For if we fail to support in every way we can the principles of the Soviet economic system throughout the world, then we shall be in real danger of losing them at home as well as abroad."

This solemn exhortation to "worldwide battle" was not delivered by a member of the Soviet Commissariat of Foreign Trade or by a Russian delegate to the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations. Such soapboxing for socialism is, so far as we are aware, not a part of the program of those who are directing the economic activities of the Soviet Union.

Propaganda of this type has not been charged against Soviet business leaders. But it has been issued, in fact this very speech was made, by Philip R. Reed, chairman of the board of General Electric Co., who is a leader in the International Chamber of Commerce (monopoly capital's undissolved "Third International") and an active consultant to the Economic and Social Council of the UN. The occasion was the recent convention of the National Dry Goods Association in New York City, Jan. 13.

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REED MADE this speech and all we have done is change nine words in it—the ones in bold-face type. The reader may need no help to substitute the words actually used by th GE tycoon. But for those who are still puzzled, here are the substiutions in the order in which they appear. Put them in place of the bold-face type words and you will have the speech just as the worried retailers heard it from Mr. Reed:

Business men instead of **workers**

Government instead of **capitalist**

American instead of **Soviet**

Nationalization instead of **monopoly capitalism**

Private instead of **Socialist**

America instead of **Soviet Union**

State instead of **capitalist**

American's instead of **the Soviet Union's**

American instead of **Soviet**

As noted, we doubt if Soviet business leaders are engaged to this type of agitation. If so, the much-lauded "world intelligence" service of the Vatican has not made it known publicly nor has Eugene Lyons, paid red-baiter for the U. S. Chamber of Commerce, revealed it to the House Un-American Committee.

However, if such a hypothetical speech were to come over the ticker from the Kremlin we doubt if it would be quite as pessimistic as that of Mr. Reed. For the possibility of the existence of Soviet socialism, even if all the rest of the world remained pure 'free enterprise" has been pretty well demonstrated since 1917.

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BUT MR. REED HOLDS no such confidence in his misnamed "American system." Even here at home—in Wall Street and Schenectady—it's doomed, he says, if "the common world-wide battle" is lost and the trend continues toward nationalization of railroads, banks, coal mines and maybe even an electric trust or two.

In the same speech Mr. Reed expressed his eagerness for the resumption of "private direct" trade with German industry. A nice, crisp, cartel agreement between General Electric and a refurbished I. G. Farben would no doubt please Mr. Reed. He can't even wait till the Krupp-General Electric cartel patent agreements of Nazi days are decently buried by the slow-moving undertakers in the U. S. Department of Justice.

Harold Houston Dead--Was Miners' Friend, Lawyer

By James W. Ford

On Thursday, Jan. 15, I sat in the home of the famous old labor lawyer of the West Virginia coal fields, near Charleston, and talked about past and current problems. I now learned that he is gone. He died Saturday, Jan 18. Although Harold Houston was an attorney, he was one of the finest sons of the coal miners of West Virginia. For many years Harold Houston was attorney for the United Mine Workers of that district. His wife, Sally Houston, herself is a daughter of a long line of coal miners.

Harold Houston was a Communist and had been many years previously a leader of the Socialist Party of West Virginia in the days of Eugene V. Debs.

I shall long remember my conversation with him just three days before his death. He had been suffering for several years with acute heart trouble, but we had not seen each other for the last six years.

I had been cautioned that he was a very sick man, and his wife showed grave concern that he not be taxed too much. He brushed aside all this and entered into intimate discussion about the Communist Party, the working class throughout the country and especially about the coal miners and their struggles.

LEWIS IGNORED WIRE

Harold Houston was one of the best labor attorneys in the country. "Once," he said, "I was out west when an injunction had been issued against the miners, and I immediately wired Lewis 'Fight it' because I thought the miners were right."

"Lewis never answered my telegram," he said, "and to this day I wonder why he didn't."

In the 1920s—a time of terrific struggles, including armed conflict with company gunmen—the miners had been indicted on charges of "treason" cooked up by the coal bosses. Houston was the miners' attorney. The case had gone to the high court. During one of the hectic days of the trial, attorney Houston, his wife, Frank Chambers district leader of the miners and another leader, were going up the steps of the court house.

All at once shots rang out. Chambers lay dead and the other mine leader was seriously wounded. Houston and his wife went unscathed. Houston won this battle against the coal operators and the government.

Another case fought by Houston was that of Oscar Wheeler, candidate of the Communist Party for Governor of the state of West Virginia in the 1940 elections. Wheeler was charged and indicted for "fraudulently" securing petitions to place the national candidates of the Communist Party on the West Virginia ballot. Despite al the evidence, Wheeler was convicted and sentenced to 14 years in the state penitentiary. Houson fought the case in almost every court in the state and finally won freedom for Wheeler.

These and many other labor cases from a splendid list of Houston's victories.

On my trip I met Houston at breakfast. With us were the state secretary of the Communist Party, Ted Allen and Mrs. Sally Houston. We talked about many things. Houston being in high spirit. Mrs. Houston was worried about her husband's strength however.

As Ted Allen and I left, Houston embraced me warmly and asked us to take his greetings to Bill Foster, Bob Minor, Mother Bloor, Elizabeth Gurly Flynn and other Communist Party leaders

Robert Minor is a distant relative of Harold Houston through the old Texas fighter, Sam Houston.

FIGHT FOR EQUALITY

Houston was a staunch fighter for the economic, political and social equality of the Negro people, a matter which he considered of special importance for the successful building of the labor movement in the South.

He understood the nature and barbarity of the coal operators. In no other industry in America is there such feudalistic existence and industrial slavery. Standing high on the list of fighters against this slavery was Harold Houston, labor lawyer and Communist.

War Orphan: Little Wolf-Dieter Carlman, 1½, a German war orphan, arrives in New York on the S.S. Marine Marlin. The tot is one of 38 youngsters brought here by the U.S. Committee for Care of European Children.

Demand Probe Of Mine Blast

Special to the Daily Worker

PLYMOUTH, Pa., Jan. 23.—The Communist Party in the anthracite district yesterday announced it had demanded grand jury and federal investigations into the mine explosion which took the lives of 15 miners here.

The CP statement, signed by Joseph Dougher, said the company, "by law, is responsible for the enforcement of safety laws and regulations."

It pointed out that the U. S. Bureau of Mines, in earlier investigations, had turned up explosive gas and oxygen deficiency in that part of the mine where the blast occurred.

Haldane Hits Atom Hush

SAYS SECRECY RETARDS SCIENCE

By PETEH STONE

Prof. J. B. S. Haldane condemned secrecy as "the absolute negation of science" and the means of "protecting inefficiency." He spoke to 1,500 New Masses readers Thursday night on the theme of the use and abuse of science.

He was sharply critical of capitalism for neglecting the social function of science and invention. The scientist condemned private enterprise for its interest in profit rather than the welfare of the people.

The British bio-geneticist was glad that American scientists were waking up to their responsibilities toward society, although he did note that "it took an atomic bomb **"to do the job." For these newly** conscious scientists he set forth his views on the functions and place of science in society.

Haldane called upon them to produce new ideas and rid the world of bad ones. He asked them to do more than present their papers in the scientific journals of their learned societies. Haldane called for scientists to get first rate science in simple language to the masses via the press and radio.

The Marxist scientist compared the moral values of communism to those of capitalism. In the latter the "people are supposed to get what they want through the operation of a free market," he declared, the Communists on the other hand want to base their system on an "investigation of human needs." For himself, he said, the best answer to the problems of society was the planned system of socialism.

Haldane touched briefly on the difference between science as practised throughout the world and that in the USSR. The "Socialist scientists" approached problems from the human point of view. Haldane noted that their science was concerned with the protection of human beings.

PROBABILITY PROBLEMS

Professor Haldane said that Soviet scientists had been working on the health problems of anthracite miners for 15 years, and that it had only been during the war that English doctors learned of this important work.

Soviet mathematicians lead the world in the study of probability problems because the needs of State planning demand and studies, he said. The Russians "spend 100-200 million dollars yearly for geological research" and are foremost in that branch of scientific exploration.

The chairman of the evening, Professor Dirk Struik of the Mathematics division of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, emphasized the value of Marxism to modern science and called it a "guide for mathematical studies." Haldane enlarged upon his thesis and indicated how dialectical methods had aided him in his work on gases and genetics.

Marxism is the best method for working out the problems of science, Haldane maintained. He did not claim that it would give answers to problems, but he insisted that it was the method best calculated to stir up questions and suggest what to look for. He concluded with the statement that Marxism had as much to give to the world as had the science of Copernicus and Darwin.

Cutters' Pay Freeze Blamed on Nagler Policies

Crushing of rank and file opposition by manager Isidore Nagler has reduced cutters, traditionally highest paid craftsmen in the industry, to a "poor third" rank and file leaders of the Cutters Local, charge. The charge is made in the first rank and file leaflet in the current election campaign, issued yesterday. Local 10 is the home local of David Dubinsky of the AFL International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

"The wage scales of the cloak and dress cutters at all times exceeded that of other major crafts, such as operators and pressers," the leaflet declares. "Today, we cutters are running a poor third when we compare our weekly and annual earnings to the above named crafts."

Rank and file leaders, headed by Arnold Ames, one of seven union members suspended after the local's 1944 election, declare that Nagler had rejected such proposals as:

1—Two weeks vacation with pay for all cutters.

2—Double time for overtime in all shops.

3—A demand, in the current negotiations, to raise wages of dress cutters to the prevailing wages of the cloak cutters, and for a guaranteed annual wage.

4—A demand, made immediately after the scrapping of OPA, that the union join the AFL and CIO in a general campaign for a 30 percent wage increase to offset rising costs of living.

The Rank and File Election Campaign Committee calls upon all members of Local 10 to support its campaign to establish a progressive and democratic union administration.

"In order to do that, we must prevent a repetition of the phony elections of 1944. We, therefore, propose that this election be supervised by the Honest Ballot Association, and that there be other safeguards to guarantee an honest and fair election. . . ."

Officers of the Rank and File Committee include Ames; Al Afterman, vice chairman; Charles Nemeroff, secretary; Irving Kotler, campaign director; Harry Nussbaum, assistant campaign director; E. Brownstein, treasurer; L. Miller, financial secretary, and Murray Sheier, publicity director.

Zimmerman Vetoes Honest Ballot Poll

Hunting for excuses for rejecting supervision of the Honest Ballot Association in the current elections, manager Charles S. Zimmerman of Dressmakers Local 22, ILGWU, has trotted out a shaky reply.

Zimmerman says his rank and file opponents do not really want an honest election—they merely want to discredit his administration. That's why he rejects the Honest Ballot Association demand!

"Zimmerman ought to test his peculiar explanation," Fannie Golos, chairman of the Rank and File group, declared. "Let him agree to supervision of the Honest Ballot Association, and eliminate that issue."

The rank and file meets tonight in an executive committee session at the Malin Studios to discuss the question of a candidate for manager, and to plan for a large mass meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at Manhattan Center; where now election campaign developments will be announced.

The Manhattan Center meeting is expected to draw hundreds of dressmakers who are studying the statements of the rank and file, and waiting for Zimmerman to reply.

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Philadelphia

RALLY FOR A FREE SPAIN. Ralph Bates, Muriel Draper. Foyer Academy of Music, Wed., Jan. 29th, 8:30 p.m. Admission. 65 cents.

EYE WITNEE REPORT on European Trade Unions. Reconstruction of Jewish Life. Reconstruction of Italian-Jewish life in Italy. Speakers, Pietro Lucchi, Intern'l Sec'y-Treas.; Sam Burt, Intern'l Vice-Pres., Fur and Leather Workers Union, CIO; Morris Gainor, Pres., District Council No. 9, Painters, Paperhangers Union, AFL. Friday evening, January 31st, 8:00 p.m. Brith Achim Hall, 11th and Spruce Streets. Sponsored by American Jewish Labor Council, Philadelphia Chapter. Tickets 35 cents.

HENRY WINSTON to speak at Philadelphia Lenin Memorial Meeting. "Met," Friday, Feb. 21st, 8 p.m.

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● Featured Programs

MORNING

11:00-WJZ—Breakfast With Breneman
●WNBC—Fred Waring Show
WOR—News; Prescott Robinson
WCBS—Arthur Godfrey
WQXR—News; Alma Dettinger
11:15-WOR—Tello-Test Quiz
11:30-WNBC—Jack Berch Show
WOR—Easy Does It; Music
WJZ—Hollywood Story—Sketch
WCBS—Grand Slam—Musical Quiz
WQXR—Musical Personalities
11:45-WNBC—Lora Lawson—Sketch
WOR—Talk—Victor H. Lindlahr
WJZ—Ted Malone—Talk
WCBS—Rosemary—Sketch

AFTERNOON

12:00-WNBC—Rad Hall, News
WOR—Checkerboard Jamboree
WJZ—Kenny Baker Show
WCBS—News; Kate Smith Chat
WQXR—News; Luncheon Concert
12:15-WNBC—Metropolitan News
WOR—Morton Downey, Songs
WCBS—Aunt Jenny's Stories
12:30-WNBC—Maggi McNellis
WOR—News; So This Is Love
WJZ—News; Talk—Nancy Craig
WCBS—Helen Trent
12:45-WNBC—Show Tunes
WCBS—Our Gal Sunday
1:00-WNBC—Mary Margaret McBride
WOR—Better Half Matinee
WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WCBS—Big Sister—Sketch
●WQXR—News; Midday Symphony
1:15-WJZ—Powers Charm School
WCBS—Ma Perkins—Sketch
1:30-WOR—Listen Here, Ladies
WCBS—Young Dr. Malone—Sketch
WJZ—Galen Drake—Talk
1:45-WNBC—Robert McCormick, News
WOR—The Answer Man
WCBS—The Road of Life—Sketch
2:00-WNBC—Today's Children—Sketch
WOR—Daily Dilemmas
WJZ—Kiernan's Corner
WCBS—Second Mrs. Burton
WQXR—News; Program Favorites
2:15-WNBC—Woman in White—Sketch
WJZ—The Woman's Exchange
WCBS—Perry Mason—Sketch
2:30-WNBC—Masquerade—Sketch
WOR—Queen for a Day
WJZ—Bride and Groom
WCBS—Lone Journey—Sketch
WQXR—Curtain at 2:30
2:40-WNBC—Betty Crocker—Talk
2:45-WNBC—Light of the World—Sketch
WCBS—Rose of My Dreams
WQXR—Music Memory Game
3:00-WNBC—Life Can Be Beautiful
WOR—Martha Deane Show
WJZ—Ladies, Be Seated
WCBS—Bouquet for You
WQXR—News; Recent Releases
3:15-WNBC—Ma Perkins
3:30-WNBC—Pepper Young
WOR—Rambling With Gambling
WJZ—Pat Barnes—Talk
WCBS—Winner Take All
3:45-WNBC—Right to Happiness
WJZ—Studio Tour
4:00-WNBC—Backstage Wife Sketch
WOR—Ask Dr. Eddy
WJZ—Tommy Bartlett Show
WCBS—House Party
WQXR—News; Symphonic Matinee
4:15?WNBC—Stella Dallas—Sketch
4:26-WNBC—Lorenzo Jones—Sketch
WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Cliff Edwards, Songs
WCBS—Hollywood Jackpot
4:45-WNBC—Young Widder Brown
WOR—Buck Rogers—Sketch
WJZ—Dick Tracy—Sketch
5:00-WNBC—When a Girl Marries
WOR—Hop Harrigan—Sketch
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates
WCBS—School of the Air
WQXR—News; Today in Music
5:15-WNBC—Portia Faces Life
WOR—Superman
WJZ—Sky King—Sketch
WQXR—Latin-American Rhythms
5:30-WNBC—Just Plain Bill
WOR—Captain Midnight
WJZ—Jack Armstrong
WCBS—Treasury Bandstand
WQXR—Cocktail Time
5:45-WNBC—Front-Page Farrell
WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Tennessee Jed—Sketch
WCBS—National Youth Week—Charles P. Taft.

EVENING

6:00-WNBC—News Reports
WOR—George C. Putnam, News
WJZ—News; Sports—Joe Hasel
WCBS—News—Harry Marble
WQXR—News; Music to Remember
6:15-WNBC—Serenade to America
WOR—Bob Elson, Interviews
WJZ—Ethel and Albert
WCBS—In My Opinion
6:30-WOR—News—Fred Vandeventer
WJZ—Allen Prescott
WCBS—Sports—Red Barber
WQXR—Dinner Concert
6:40-WNBC—Bill Stern, Sports
6:45-WNBC—Lowell Thomas
WOR—Sports—Connie Desmond
WJZ—Ed and Pegeen Fitzgerald
WCBS—Robert Trout, News
7:00-WNBC—Supper Club Variety
WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr., Comment
WJZ—Headline Edition
●WCBS—Mystery of the Week
WQXR—News; Treasury of Music
7:15-WNBC—News of the World
WOR—The Answer Man
WJZ—Elmer Davis, News
WCBS—Jack Smith Show
7:30-WNBC—Barry Wood Show
WOR—Henry J. Taylor, Comment
●WJZ—Lone Ranger
WCBS—Bob Hawk's Show
7:45-WNBC—H. V. Kaltenborn
WOR—Sports—Bill Brandt
8:00-WNBC—Cavalcade of America: A Chance for Jimmy, with Basil Rathbone
WOR—McGarry and His Mouse
WJZ—Lum 'n' Abner
●WCBS—Inner Sanctum Show: The Silent Hand, With Stefan Schnabel
WQXR—News; Symphony Hall
8:15-WJZ—Skip Farrell Show
8:30-WNBC—Christopher Lynch, Tenor
●WOR—Case Book of Gregory Hood
●WJZ—Adventures of Sherlock Holmes, with Tom Conway and of the Babbling Butler. Nigel Bruce: The Singular Affair
●WCBS—Joan Davis Show; Walter O'Keefe, Guest.
8:45-WMCA—Bert Andrews, Comment
8:55-WCBS—Bill Henry, News
9:00-WNBC—Lauritz Melchoir, Tenor
WOR—Gabriel Heatter
●WJZ—Radio Theatre: Cluny Brown, with Charles Boyer, Olivia de Havilland
WQXR—News; Concert Hall
9:15-WOR—Real Stories
9:30-WOR—Lombardo's Orchestra
●WNBC—Borg-Goodman Show; William Bendix, Guest
WJZ—Sammy Kaye Program
WQXR—Designs in Harmony
9:45-WQXR—Great Names
10:00-WNBC—Buddy Clark, Baritone; Percy Faith Orchestra
●WOR—Broadway Talks Back: Little A, With Otto Kruger, Melville Burke, Hugh White, Joseph Shipley, Others
WJZ—The Doctors Talk It Over: The Malnourished Child—Dr. Charles F. McKinann
●WCBS—The Screen Guild Play: Swell Guy, with Ann Blyth, Joseph Cotten
WQXR—News; Opera Preview
10:15-WJZ—Joe Mooney Quartet
10:30-WNBC—Dr. I. Q. Quiz
WOR—The Symphonette
●WJZ—Murder at Midnight—Drama: The 13th Floor
WCBS—Sweeney and March
WQXR—The Showcase
11:00-WNBC, WOR—News; Music
WJZ, WCBS—News; Music
WQXR—News; Symphony Music
11:30-WCBS—Chester Watson Baritone
11:35-WOR—Cleveland Symphony
12:00-WNBC, WJZ—News; Music
WCBS—News; Dance Music
WQXR—News Reports

Station WNYC

● 9:00—Masterwork Hour. All Mozart Program.
● 9:55—News Summary.
10:00—"The Ghost Comes Out of the Closet"—Mrs. Helen Clark, speaker for New York Tuberculosis and Health Association.
10:15—Musical Comedy Memories.
10:30—"World of Women." Lily Supove. Guest: Mrs. James Hatch of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.
10:45—Health Dept. Nutrition News.
10:55—News Summary.
11:00—"At Your Command."
11:30—BBC Newsreel.
11:45—Musical Comedy Memories.
11:55—News Summary.
●12:00—Midday Symphony. Symphony No. 25 in G Minor" (K. 185)—Mozart.
●12:55—News Summary.
1:00—Missing Persons Alarms.
1:05—City News Summary.
1:15—"From the Other Americas"—Richard Romero and George Ganok.
1:55—News Summary.
2:00—Official US Weather Report.
2:05—Symphonic Matinee. Piano Concerto No. 3 in C Minor.
● 3:30—New Youth Orchestral Concerts from Carnegie Hall.
4:55—News Summary.
5:00—Music for Young People. New York College of Music. Adele Narcus, Pianist.
5:30—Songs at Eventide. Agelene Collins, Soprano.
5:45—"You Were There" Red Cross Dramatic Series.
5:55—News Summary.
● 6:00—Eithne Golden, Folksinger.
6:15—"Freedom's Ladder." Clifford Burdette.
6:30—Welfare Stories with Sylvia Day.
6:45—Official US Weather Report and USES "Help Wanted Ad Column of the Air.
● 6:55—News Summary.
● 7:00—Masterwork Hour. Mozart Birthday Program. Symphony No. 41 in C Major.
● 7:55—News Summary.
8:00—"The Square Table" with Oscar and Ursula Brand.
8:15—Rosamund Chopin, Soprano; Edward Dudley, Tenor. "Oh Night of Rapture."
● 8:30—Readers Almanac. Prof. Warren Bower, NY University holds round-table discussion with poets Gerard Previn Meyer, Sara Henderson Hay, and J. Donald Adams. Subject: "Poetry and Criticism."
● 8:55—News Summary.
● 9:00—Municipal Concert Hall—All Mozart Program.
9:55—News Summary.
10:00—FM ONLY. The City Hour of Music and News.
10:55—FM ONLY. Final News Summary and Sign-off.

Viet Namese to Call Up Labor Battalions

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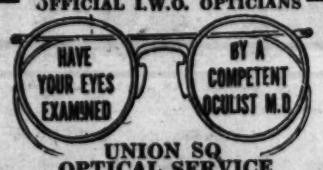

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On the Scoreboard

By Lester Rodney

BRETHREN, THE TIME has come. Some young infidel has addressed to this department the respectful query, "I read in connection with Babe Ruth's illness that he holds the record for home runs in one season, 60, and that Hank Greenberg hit 58 in one season. Would you please tell us more about him, and compare him to some of the modern greats."

It's something of a shock to realize that people have grown up and become interested in baseball and to them the name Babe Ruth is something dusty and vague, something fat and occasionally sick. It makes one examine with a new suspicion the pictures of youngsters, cap in hand, standing outside the hospital. Do the little fakirs know whom they are staiding there for? Who's their press agent?

Let's start with first things . . . namely, that when you start talking about ball players you first put Ruth's name down reverentially and THEN start arguing about your Cobbs, Wagners and Hornsbys, or your Di Maggio's, Williams and Greenbergs.

I remember the first time I saw Babe play. It was an exhibition game between the Yanks and Dodgers at Ebbets Field a few days before the season opened. The Dodgers had a promising, earnest young speedballer named Buzz McWeeny

The first Yank up in the 1st fanned and the second popped on a high hard one. The Babe came up. What an ugly man I thought. (I was a life and death Dodger fan without a trace of adoration of the Babe). He left his kneeling position in the waiting circle and came up to the plate with a sort of waddling pigeon toed mince, taking his stance on the 1st base side of the platter with his body twisted so that he more nearly faced the catcher than the pitcher and seemed to have only the corner of his right eye for watching the flight of the ball. He was, even in his prime, a strange gross figure of a man, from his broad, blunt nosed face down through his beer barrell torso, ridiculously thin legs and tiny ankles and feet.

The cleancun, athletic looking, curly haired young Buzz McWeeny wound up with what I may have imagined to be an air of youthful confidence. The Babe hit that first pitch. The second baseman leaped and seemed to miss the ball by inches. The right fielder whipped around and faced the wall as though waiting for the rebound. The ball cleared the fence while still rising and seemed to take off in the direction of the Kings County Hospital. At that time there were always a mess of kids waiting out in Bedford Avenue for home runs, for returning a ball meant entry to the park. And they had been sure of business with the Babe. They were a sad and confused bunch of kids. Nobody ever found that ball.

The Babe used to absolutely terrorize pitchers. They put out so hard trying to keep him from getting hold of the ball that something always seemed to go out of them afterward. Two thousand some odd times in his career the Babe walked, mute statistical testimony both to his value to his team and the fear in which his big bat was held. For 11 straight years he blasted a minimum of 40 home runs. His runs scored and runs batted in marks are lousy with records.

In his great, booming lusty prime big crowds would leave the Stadium in peevish disappointment when he had walked twice, hit two doubles and a single. They wanted a home run. Like the fight "fans" who all but want their money back if Joe Louis doesn't KO his man in the first. When the Babe swung and missed he spun around like a revolving dynamo and a big "Ooooh!" came from the stands.

A merciless rookie killer was the Babe. In a game I remember towards the end of his career at the Stadium, a rookie Washington lefthander was carefully instructed to throw nothing but slow curves, at the time regarded as the least suicidal of pitches to throw to Ruth by the benumbed hurling fraternity. This anonymous lefthander threw two beautiful slow hooks at the Babe for two strikes with two on in the 1st. Enraptured by his success the rookie threw another of the same. The enraged Babe drew his bat back slowly as the crowd drew in collective breath and hammered the pitch so hard it like to killed someone high up in the right center field bleachers—Ruthville.

The true story of how the Babe answered a hostile World Series crowd in Chicago by pointing to the spot he was going to hit the next pitch and doing it is the sports story of all time.

For our youngster with the question, and for those whose memories may have dimmed, the Babe could have been one of the greatest left handed pitchers of all time, was indeed the standout lefthander of his day before forsaking the mound for every day duty, carried a bullet arm and was a great ground devouring outfielder.

Just one more thing. Babe was the most "available" of ball players. He had a **HYA Kid** for everybody, partly because he was weak on remembering names but mostly because he was full of friendliness. He was loved, and this was no press agentry, as no ballplayer before or since. The day he felt a little hungry en route north and gobbled up 12 greasy frankfurters and eight bottles of pop like all the kids in the world rolled into one he had the bellyache that shook the world.

He was Mr. Baseball and he probably broke the mold.

Quick recovery and long life, Babe!

LABOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

	W.	L.	Pct.
Shoe Workers	3	0	1000
Fur Floor 125	3	0	1000
Furriers JB	2	0	1000
Air TWU	2	1	.666
AYD	2	1	.666
Fur JC "A"	2	1	.666
RR Mail	1	1	.500
Macy's	1	1	.500
Emerson UE	1	2	.333
Williamsburgh Pub. 65	1	2	.333
Fur JB "B"	1	2	.333
Postoffice	0	1	.000
Gimbels 1-S	0	2	.000
University UE	0	3	.000

LEADING SCORERS

Goroff, AYD	40
Robinson, Fur 125	38
Vinter, Shoe	33
Murtha, Air TWU	32
De Zinno, Air TWU	27
Hirsch, Fur A	26
Schmais, AYD	24
Simone, Fur JB	19
Casale, Williamsburgh 65	16

Fur Floor, Shoe Teams Take Lead

Air Transport Upset, AYD Bounces Back in Busy Night's Play

The Labor Sports Federation basketball race went into high gear Saturday night with five games played in the two gyms at Seward Park High, and when the smoke had cleared and the nets had stopped dancing the situation looked something like this:

Unbeaten and rated one-two at this time are the Furriers Joint Board and the Fur Floor 125 quintets. Nosed out once much in the running are the strong TWU Air Transport team, and the young, fast American Youth for Democracy entry. Also in the unbeaten list are the Shoe Workers, who however haven't met any of the above powerhouses.

Short resumes of the games:

Fur 125—69, Emerson UE—39

Rebounding from their close call with AYD, 125 poured it on a pretty good Emerson team with a display of scoring skill. Robinson led the way with 18 points and everybody broke into the scoring. For the losers Harvey came up with 16 points and Dona with 9. While it was never close, Emerson fought all the way.

Fur Council 'A'—47, Air Transport TWU—45

Missing three of the stars airbound in Chicago, the TWU outfit went down to its first defeat but put up a great fight, closing with a rush that almost overtook the winners. O'Halloran with 17 and Murtha with 12 were high and DeZinno was an excellent floor man. The winners played their best ball of the season, Rubin and Hirsch being outstanding.

AYD—47, Fur Council 'B'—29

AYD, much faster and with more reserve strength, took an early lead and never was threatened. Goroff and Schmais led the scoring and Tweet, a Negro courtster from Taft High, showed great speed, drive and floorwork. AYD showed a fast break, and a good set attack off its big men in the pivot post, though occasionally lapsing into too much individualism. Sulzer led the losers and Lessner played a scrappy game throughout. On the sidelines chief rooter Irving Potash didn't give up till the last gasp.

WMSBG Pub 65—28, R Mail—23

The 65'ers won their first game in a close, pretty well played contest. The winners divided their scoring right down the lineup. Kritzer led the losers in scoring and McCants showed promise of developing into one of the league's best if he overcomes his weakness of too much contact on the defense.

On Friday night the powerful Furriers Joint Board romped to their second straight, beating University UE 47-22 as player coach Ben Weiss starred and Vic Simone also looked good. In another game the Shoe Workers beat Gimbels 41-29 with Minter again leading the scorers.

LIU Flubs Tourney Chance at Buffalo

Route by Canisius Hurts—Seton Hall Seen as Local Entry

It seems maybe Clare Bee knew something all the while when he kept insisting his LIU team wasn't of championship material. For the Brooklyn boys fell apart with a bang up at Buffalo Saturday night and the horrendous margin of that 72-48 licking from an oft beaten outfit may knock the boys out of the Garden Invitation tourney.

It was the third loss, which isn't enough to keep a team out, but the score will be an anchor on LIU's chances of filling one of the two local spots. A victory over Canisius in the return game at the Garden and a sweep of the remaining schedule, including Bowling Green away, appears needed to salvage the team's tourney hopes.

If LIU flubs it and St. Johns is counted out, still unbeaten Seton Hall of New Jersey may be brought across the river as one of the two local teams in the eight team field. NYU is almost certain to choose the NCAA tourney, and CCNY is now leading candidate for the first spot in the Invitation.

Other interesting out of town scores during the Garden lull induced by Sonja Heine's presence included Notre Dame's thumping 74-43 margin over Purdue, a storm signal for NYU. In the Conference Illinois' whiz kids finally showed their stuff, knocking off the Wisconsin pretenders 63-37, while Northwestern upset Iowa. On the Coast it looks like California and Oregon State, despite the latter's beating by Washington Saturday night. Cal split a pair with UCLA to keep their lead in the Southern half. Utah knocked Wyoming out of Rocky Mountain Conference contention, and don't that make you weep for Everett Shelton.

BOX SCORES

RR Mail Assn.	G.	F.	P.	Wmsb. Pub. 65	G.	F.	P.
Kritzer	4	1	9	Hazel	4	0	8
Sciami	0	0	0	Boy	1	0	2
Newman	1	2	4	Footman	1	0	2
Pokowitz	0	2	2	Stevens	3	1	7
Baumwell	0	0	0	Casale	0	3	3
Rosenthal	1	0	2	Mercuri	2	2	6
McCants	3	0	6				
Totals	9	5	23	Total	11	6	28

Shoe Workers				University UE			
Minter	7	1	15	Schwartzman	2	2	6
E. Abr'm'witz	1	1	3	Goldman	1	0	2
Medili	0	0	0	Matsuoka	1	0	2
Alderman	0	2	2	Cornwall	0	0	0
Migliacci	0	0	0	Munroe	1	0	2
Zucker	1	1	3	Tepper	1	2	4
M.Abr'm'witz	0	1	1	Green	0	1	1
Zacklin	0	0	0	Fishman	0	0	0
Cohen	1	1	3	Abdul	1	2	4
Totals	10	7	27	Totals	7	7	21

Fur 125				Emerson UE			
King	1	1	3	Young	0	1	1
Colbert	3	0	6	Harvey	5	6	16
Overton	6	0	12	Flynn	2	0	4
Richardson	4	1	9	Reig	1	0	2
Davidson	2	2	6	Smith	1	2	4
Smith	3	0	6	Dona	4	1	9
Robinson	9	0	18	Vino	1	1	3
Fields	3	1	7	Marine	0	0	0
Steiner	1	0	2				
Totals	32	5	69	Totals	14	11	39

Transport Air				Fur Council A			
De Zinno	3	2	8	Rubin	6	1	13
Murtha	5	2	12	Hirsch	5	2	12
O'Halloran	5	7	17	Braunstein	1	2	4
Cifelli	2	0	4	Schlofrock	3	1	7
Hardy	2	0	4	Kaurtakis	0	0	0
McCann	0	0	0	Fishman	3	0	6
				Trachtenberg	2	1	5
Totals	17	11	45	Totals	20	7	47

AYD				Fur Council B			
Sala	2	1	5	Sulzer	5	2	12
Rothman	3	2	8	Weiss	0	0	0
Jackson	0	0	0	Reychenberg	0	1	1
Tweet	3	0	6	Stoller	1	1	3
Best	0	1	1	Schreiber	0	0	0
Goroff	5	1	11	Summers	1	3	5
Ziebel	2	2	6	Furenberg	1	0	2
Stein	0	0	0	Lessner	3	0	6
Schmais	5	0	10				
Totals	20	7	47	Totals	11	7	29

TOMORROW

The five winners of the Daily Worker sports contest will be announced. Sorry the delay, mates.

Gil Hot, Rune Cold

The flop of the celebrated Swedish visitor Rune Gustafsson and the electrifying return to form of miler Gil Dodds is the current talk of the track world. Gil ran his Boston field into the ground with a 4.09 mile, tops for that city, leaving the field panting behind. Quinn, Walsh and once great Mac Mitchell ranged from 35 to 100 yards behind the bespectacled one.

Gustafsson again failed to show a kick, this time in his favorite 1,000 yard distance, as Fordham's Nowicki, Hulse and Callender led him

Dodgers Work on 700 Players

With 700 players on their master roster and strings on another 250, the Brooklyn Dodgers will open up a baseball factory specializing in "interchangeable parts" this spring.

The entire flock, from the puniest Class D club to the highly optimistic parent Dodgers, will receive standard instruction in mechanics and strategy.

That will continue throughout the season—in theory, anyway—so that any Brooklyn hopeful can advance through the system from club to club without changing his style or bowing to the whim of his new manager.

"Standardization in the minors is the way we can beat the rest of the national league," said Branch Rickey, Jr., director of Dodger farms. "They've all got farms, capable scouts and plenty of money.

"Our only advantage is to bring them up faster than the other clubs."

By hustling their youngsters into the big time, the Dodgers can carry out the gospel of Branch Rickey, Sr., whose four requisites for successful ball player are "running speed, good throwing arm, power if not finessee and—running speed."

"That makes speed about 50 pedcent of what we want," said Branch, Jr. "Only young players really have it."

Operating through lectures to the managers of Brooklyn's 25 Minor League clubs, the Dodgers will carry on the standardization in camps at Biloxi, Miss., and probably Pensacola, Fla.

Outstanding prospects from Dodger clubs in leagues of all classifications will be called into the Florida camp. Brooklyn's Class B clubs will train at Biloxi.

"By 1948 we expect to have these lectures and ideas incorporated into a complete managers' manual," said Branch, Jr. "just about every problem and situation from pickoff plays on the bases to advice for a homesick player will be included."

In earlier Dodger camps, the art of base running and sliding was drummed into all hands and it paid heavy returns last season.

"Our clubs led nearly every league in base stealing last year," Young Rickey said. "Out in the Ohio State League, Maryland Dewitt of Zanesville swiped 109 bases for a new Minor League record and he's just one of the speedboys in the system."

According to the Brooklyn theory, there's a right and wrong way to handle every situation and the place to learn the "right" is in the minors.

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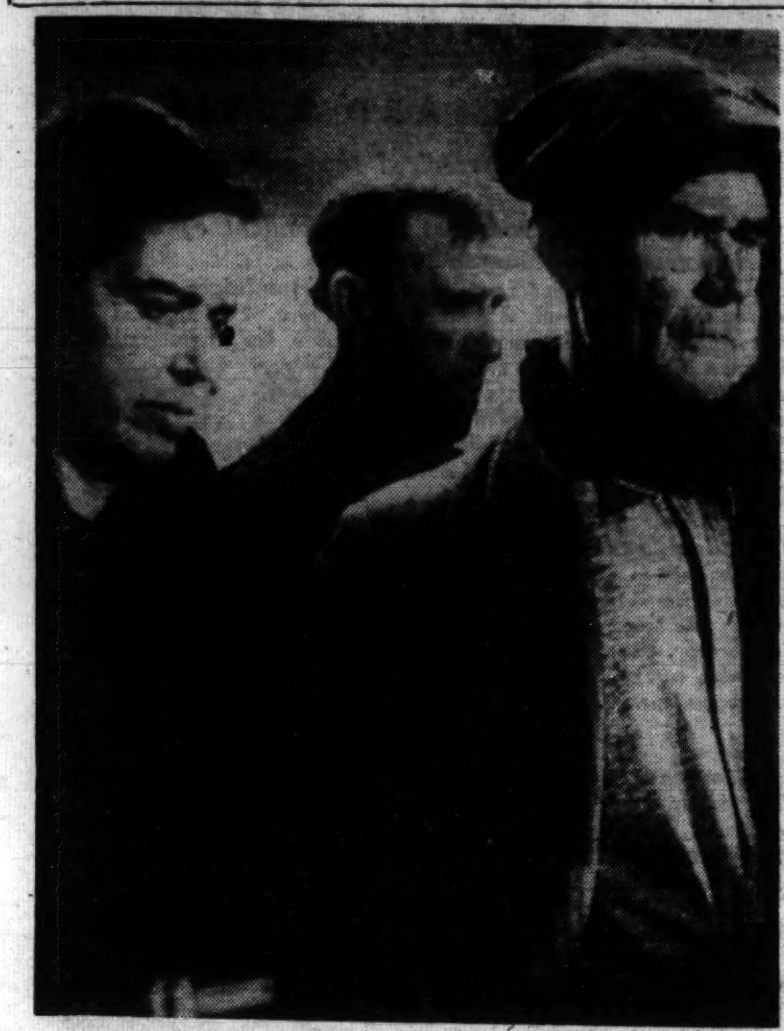
BOOKS — FILMS — THE ARTS



A scene from "Man's Hope," magnificent anti-Franco film written, produced and directed by Andre Malraux, now playing at both the 55th St. Playhouse and 5th Avenue Playhouse.

Kiss-and-Tell Journalism

By Samuel Sillen

The Book-of-the-Month Club is on the war path again. To its endless list of "revelations" about the Soviet Union—remember Mark Aldanov and Jan Valtin?—it is now adding a friendly little item entitled **The Scared Men in the Kremlin** by John Fischer.

"Who, me?" cries the easily offended Harry Scherman, head of the book club and super-salesman of the intellectual bookie-trap. "The Reds are smearing us again," he tells the press.

Let's see.

I don't know Mr. Scherman's new Russian specialist, John Fischer, but the book club advises me that he is a real honest-to-goodness expert. For he spent two months in the Soviet Union March 12 to May 18, 1946—as a member of the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration mission in the Ukraine.

Those are the lofty credentials that the Book-of-the-Month Club will advertise in the public prints.

It sounds very official and very imposing. But here are some facts that **won't** be published.

EXPOSING A FRAUD

Both the present head and the former head of the UNRRA mission in the Ukraine have exposed John Fischer as a bit of a fraud.

Present head of the mission, Paul White has issued what the New York Times correspondent in Moscow describes as a "blistering attack on the 'kiss and tell journalism' of John Fischer." In a statement to American correspondents in Moscow Mr. White said that Fischer is relating incidents with "no basis of fact."

Fischer has been reporting his "inside story" in three articles for **Harper's Magazine**—of which, incidentally, he is assistant editor. He has also given one of his "scoops" to Henry Luce's **Life**. And needless to say his articles have been reprinted in **Reader's Digest**.

But what are his qualifications?

Pretty slim, says the present head of the UNRRA mission in the Ukraine, who nails Fischer's references to the alleged fact that "I slept and ate with the Ukrainians." The real facts according to Mr. White are these; "His sleepings and eatings consisted of one-night stands in a guest house in Poltava and a hotel in Kharkov. Elsewhere he slept in the private car. In any case, Jack doesn't speak much Russian. He had a great deal of trouble just asking for hot water in the morning."

DISTORTING THE TRUTH

And now listen to the man who headed the UNRRA mission of which John Fischer was a member. He is Marshall MacDuffie, a New York lawyer. Mr. MacDuffie challenges the "inflation and distortion of incidents observed while on the mission, which I observed, too, and know to be untrue."

Furthermore, says Mr. MacDuffie: "We went in there in good faith. We were pioneers in developing the ability of our two nations to get along. The publication of this book (**The Scared Men in the Kremlin**) can only result in destroying that good faith and driving the Russians deeper behind the 'iron curtain'."

Mr. MacDuffie has appealed to Cass Canfield, chairman of Harper and Brothers, and to the Book-of-the-Month Club to kill the book as "misleading to the American public and harmful to good relations with the Soviet Union."

Harper and Brothers made a few revisions, but is nevertheless going ahead with the book, backed by Harry Scherman's mail order house.

But those revisions evidently don't help matters, and Mr. MacDuffie says he still opposes publication.

Those are the facts. Two UNRRA heads—one the immediate superior of John Fischer, the other the present head of the mission—testify that this man is dreaming things up in a book calculated to impair American-Soviet relations.

This is the man who is being palmed off to the American reading public as an expert.

The whole deal is crude, another raw example of that corruption of publishing standards now eating away at literary and journalistic integrity in our land.

Harmonica Virtuoso Gives Jim Crow Hard Slap

In the current Variety, Larry Adler, the harmonica virtuoso, tells a tale with a moral.

On his first tour with Paul Draper, the stylist in tap, their accompanist was J. Calvin Jackson, Negro pianist, who is now working for M-G-M as conductor.

One of their engagements was in a southern girls' school.

The morning before the concert, when the artists were checking the auditorium, the head of the school's concert committee "took one look at Jackson and set the world's record for the standing back broad jump."

THIS IS THE SOUTH

To continue in Adler's words:

"Mr. Adler," he whispered, "you never told me that your accompanist was a Negro."

"That's right," I agreed, "nor would I have thought to mention that he was white, if that were the case."

"But good Lord, man," he said, "this is the south. You can't have a white and a colored artist on the same stage together. It just isn't done."

"Well," I said, "the solution is very simple. Let's cancel the concert."

"We can't do that," he replied, "we have a full house."

"All right," I said, "you brood about it for awhile. I'll be at the hotel. Let me know your decision later."

He called me back in about two hours. "It's all set," he said happily, "you can use Jackson. We'll just put the piano in the wings so he won't be visible to the audience."

"I've got news for you," I said sweetly, "the format of a concert is such that the accompanist is in the center of the stage with the soloist. Look, why don't you just call it off?"

"Call you right back," he said gloomily.

He called back and said that they'd decided to let the concert proceed as scheduled. That night I walked onstage, followed by Jackson. There were no visible fainting spells in the audience. The concert went as the others had gone—very well. After the concert the usual number of people came backstage to ask for autographs. I thought that a few more seemed to ask for Jackson's than for mine or Draper's, but that was the only change."

Whittemore and Lowe, duo pianists, will give a recital on Wednesday evening, January 29, at Carnegie Hall. It will be their first public appearance in five years—four of which were spent in the Navy. They will present the first N. Y. performance of "Duo Concertante" by Sol Berkowitz. The young New York composer, now teaching at Queen's College, was an Army private when he finished the work he had started for Whittemore and Lowe before the war began.

Dorothy Maynor, distinguished American soprano, will contribute to the current March of Dimes campaign by appearing in a benefit concert sponsored by the New York City Infantile Paralysis Committee in the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, Jan. 30.

'United Nations' Musical Evening

The second of a series of **United Nations Concerts** of music and drama, entitled, **Side by Side**, will be presented this Saturday night by the Common Council for American Unity at its auditorium, 40 E. 40 St.

Appearing on the program will be: Paulo d'Alencar, Brazilian violinist; Lucille David, Syrian soprano; Kitty Mattern, Austrian satirist; Hossein Sarshad, Iranian composer and pianist; The Nameless Choir, American Negro Chorus. Chester Williams of the U.S. Delegation to the UN will be the guest speaker. A one act play by Norman Corwin will also be presented.

'Stone Flower' Breaks Record

The Stanley Theatre announces that "Stone Flower" which opened at the Stanley Theatre on Dec. 27, has busted all theatre attendance records for Soviet films in this country for the past 15 years. "In the first three weeks of its run, the film was seen by more than 85,000 people, topping figures for such films as Chapayev, Alexander Nevsky, Girl From Leningrad and The Rainbow." This represents capacity crowds for the 625-seat theatre.

Edward G. Robinson Visits Duffy's

Edward G. Robinson, screen menace and art collector, will discover that Ed "Archie" Gardner is a connoisseur of old masters, too, when he drops in on NBC's "Duffy's Tavern" Wednesday, Jan. 29 (9 p.m.)

Music in Review

From blind singers' guide in his native South to recitalist on the important concert stages of the whole country is the saga of Josh White. His managements' brochure describes him as "The Troubadour of Work Songs, Blues and Ballads." And it might be added, "English and Australian Folk-Songs and Popular Songs."

For as he demonstrated last week at Town Hall, anything is material for the art of Josh White. And it all comes out in the same manner—the Josh White personality,—a smooth, slurring voice and a slick guitar.

There is none of the driving force of the folk-blues in Mr. White's style. The skillful slides and blue intonations of his plain voice suggest the cabaret performer rather than the folk-singer.

FRANK EMPHASIS

His delivery of **John Henry** lost much of the innate strength of that wonderful story. On the other hand such songs as **Sometime** and **Foggy Foggy Dew**, with their frank emphasis on sex gained from his style.

The inclusion of songs in the modern popular idiom such as Lewis Allan's **Strange Fruit** and Earl Robinson's **House I live In** was a good idea. In the first of these, Mr. White achieved a sustained mood of intense pain which can be added to the noteworthy interpretations of this great song.

We noted that, especially in comparison with previous productions of People's Songs, the proportion of Negroes in the audience was small. The house was full, however, to the extent of a full stage and standees.

Chalk up another success for People's Songs.—M .C.

In Allen's Alley

Metropolitan Opera tenor Lauritz Melchior will venture into Allen's Alley when he appears as Fred Allen's guest Sunday, Feb. 2 (NBC, 8:30 p.m.)

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New York, Monday, January 27, 1947

Grace Moore Dead In Airplane Crash

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Jan. 26.—Grace Moore, internationally-famous American star of opera, screen and radio, Prince Gustaf Adolf of Sweden and 20 other persons were killed instantly today when a KLM (Royal Dutch Airlines) transport taking off from Stockholm crashed and exploded on snow-covered Kastrup Airport. The air lines reported (Royal Dutch Airlines) transport taking off for Stockholm crashed and exploded on snow-covered Kastrup Airport.

The air line reported that the crash was caused by a too-rapid ascent which made the craft uncontrollable, a London **Daily Telegraph** Copenhagen dispatch said.

Miss Moore, who was 45, was bound for Stockholm to give a concert. The airliner was enroute from Amsterdam to Stockholm and she had boarded it only a few minutes before she was killed. Prince Gustaf Adolf, second in the line of succession to the Swedish throne, went aboard the plane, a two-engined C-47 in Amsterdam.

The plane crashed at 2:30 p.m. (9:30 a.m. EST). It became airbrone without any signs of difficulty. Then, when it had gained an altitude of about 150 feet, the nose dipped and it plummeted to the field.

Captain Dalbro, airport commandant, sensed disaster the moment the great plane dipped and he sounded the alarm siren as it started its plunge. But nothing could be done. The plane crashed with a roar which shook the earth. Its motors plunged deep into the ground and one wing crumpled as the horrified relatives and friends of those who had boarded in Copenhagen looked on.

Gasoline tanks exploded. The fuselage was torn to pieces and limbs of the victims were thrown about the field. Flaming gasoline enveloped the wreckage.

Overloaded?

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Sunday Times air correspondent predicted today "there will be more accidents" if Dakota planes (C-47's) are allowed to continue carrying the loads now authorized by the British Air Registration Board."

The correspondent pointed out that the Dakota manufacturers and U. S. air authorities limit the plane's capacity to 25,200 pounds. The British permit 28,000 pounds.

6 Crashes in 4 Days

Six major air disasters on three continents made headlines within the past four days. Seventy-nine persons were believed killed.

The latest, at the Copenhagen, Denmark, airport Sunday took the lives of 22 persons including Grace Moore and Prince Gustaf Adolf.

Twelve persons of 23 aboard were killed at Croydon airport, London, Saturday, in the wreck of a transport which was taking off for Rhodesia in Africa.

Shanghai reported the crash of a China National Aviation Corp. plane Saturday, 15 minutes' flying time from Chungking, with 19 persons aboard, including an American pilot and three others in the crew were killed.

In Colombia, planes spotted in the jungle a plane which crashed Wednesday with 17 persons aboard, including three Americans. All were feared killed.

Five men were killed Saturday night when a twin-engined privately-owned plane crashed seven miles east of Renssealer, In.

Ambulances and rescue squads were on the way before the plane hit the ground but they could do nothing save try to put out the flames which already had done their work. One wing tip remained after the fire had been quenched.

Rescue squads found Prince Gustaf Adolf's medals and a heavy gold bracelet which had belonged to Miss Moore. Apparently they had been in the baggage. The bracelet still smelled of French perfume.

There was no immediate indication of what caused the crash. The circumstances of the crash coincided almost exactly with those of a crash yesterday at Croyden, England. Both planes were C-475, both were taking off, both reached an altitude of 150 feet before they fell. Twelve persons were killed at Croydon.

Miss Moore gave her last concert last night before a capacity audience of 4,000 in K. B. Hallen, Copenhagen's biggest concert hall. She was not scheduled to sing in Stockholm until tomorrow night, but left today because she had always made a practice of giving herself a day's rest before a concert.

A few days ago, she told reporters that she had just finished her memoirs.

"Many people write their memoirs when they are old and forgoten," she said. "I want to write mine while I am still on top and feel that I still can give people something through my singing and not only just by memories."

Miss Moore was still under contract to the Metropolitan Opera Company of New York, but has been singing abroad because of the illness of her husband, Valentin Parera, a Spanish actor. They were married in 1931.

Krumbein Mourned

Messages mourning the death of Charles Krumbein, Communist Party leader, continued to arrive yesterday.

The packinghous section of the Chicago Communist Party called his death a "tragic loss' of a "steadfast working class fighter." The Wisconsin C.P. termed Krumbein an "exemplary Communist" who did much to help build the Party in Milwaukee.

The Wisconsin Communists pledged to keep his memory alive by "continuing his life work which was building the labor movement and the Communist vanguard."

Other messages came from the New England State Committee of the C.P.; William L. Patterson, Springfield, Ill.; the Lithuanian National Bureau of the C.P., Los Angeles C.P., Virginia C.P. the Youngstown, O., C.P. and the Northwest District Committee of the C.P. in Seattle, Wash.

NLRB Warns Budget Cut Spurs Strikes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—The National Labor Relations Board tonight warned Congress that the "deep cut" in Board appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30 threatens to cause strikes over issues which the board can settle peacefully.

Making its annual report, it said that it handled a record number of cases in the last fiscal year and started the current year with 4,605, greatest backlog in its history.

The Board pointed out that Congress passed the Wagner act, creating the agency, to provide a peaceful alternative to costly strikes.

Board statistics show that organizational strikes in 1945 cost 29 percent of the total strike idleness and involved 22 percent of the workers on strikes. It added that "controversies resulting from organizational questions are still among the most explosive in the industrial field."

AFL unions won more elections but CIO unions polled more votes in the representation cases before NLRB. The record was:

Union	Elections Won	Votes
AFL	2,004	175,332
CIO	1,958	263,641
Unaffiliated	484	90,874
No union	1,143	168,965

MORSE SEES BOOM-BUST POLICY HARMING GOP IN '48

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Sen. Wayne Morse (R-Ore), was pessimistic tonight about the Republican Party's chances of symbolizing "liberalism" in the 1948 presidential elections because of Congressional boom and bust policies.

He refused, however, to agree with Sen. Claude Pepper (D-Fla), that "liberal" groups now springing up throughout the country may seek haven in the Democratic Party. Both Senators are members of the Senate Labor Committee and were interviewed by United Press.

"I'm not too discouraged because liberal elements have drifted apart since the loss of President Roosevelt's magnetic personality," said Pepper. "The important thing is to fight the common enemy—reaction and greed—and strike for democracy and peace.

"I hope more liberal groups will be organized. It's a healthy sign. And I hope that eventually they will be telescope into the Democratic Party if it offers an attractive liberal leadership."

Morse criticized GOP chiefs in both the Senate and House, although he mentioned no names.

"I intend to put the economic welfare of the country above the partisan promises of some of my leaders who are misleading the people into thinking we can have economic stability under their extreme proposals," Morse said.

"Instead, we'll have a false boom for a few years and then a terrific bust that will endanger the economy of the whole country and the political stability of the Republican Party."

BROADWAY BEAT

by BARNARD RUBIN

FATHER COUGHLIN *received Nazi cash for his propaganda activities—according to documented evidence uncovered by the Budapest correspondent of the Hungarian newspaper,* Magyar Jovo.

***The correspondent revealed that a secret ledger of the Nazi controlled* Deutschland Reiseburo *in Ankara, Turkey, had been unearthed by the* International Commission for Investigation of German War Assets. *This ledger contained a record of the Nazis' payments to quislings of various countres and included an account of a $7,500 payment to Coughlin, dated April 23, 1939, on a check of the* American Airways Limited.**

To date, this disclosure by the International Commission has not been published by either the* Associated Press, *the* United Press, International News Service, *the* New York Times, *or any of the large newspapers with correspondents in Turkey. Yet, the evidence was as equally available to them as it was to the* Magyar Jovo *correspondent....

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TOWN TALK

Maureen O'Hara will soon star in her third technicolor for **RKO.** Technicolor didn't improve the first two. . . .

Loews, the giant movie outfit which has been chopping their employes' heads off right and left, has reported an $18,691,533 profit for the past fiscal year, as compared with a mere $12,199,925 for 1945. . . .

Maxine Wood, author of **On Whitman Avenue,** now in Mexico finishing another play. . . .

Thomas Edison's laboratory desk, which has been locked and sealed since his death, will be opened for the first time February 8th. Occasion will be part of the Centennial celebration commemorating Edison's birth.

Although the contents of the desk are a mystery, it is known that Edison was experimenting with goldenrod rubber and radio-active metals at the time of his death. . . .

Hildegarde grabbing **Donald Richards,** singing troubadour-hero of **Finian's Rainbow,** for a guest star performance on her radio program Sunday, February 9th at 9:00 p.m. . . .

Paul Strand, noted photographer, finishing a pictorial book on New England which should be ready in the spring.

(Incidentally, whatever happened to **Native Land,** that marvelous film by both **Leo Hurwitz** and **Strand,** which should have been showing all over the country by this time?). . . .

Garson and Mike Kanin's first film for **Universal-International** will be the Art of Murder. . . .

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A radio version of Ibsen's *Doll House* was scheduled to be programmed by the *Theatre Guild of the Air.* The sponsors, *U.S. Steel,* suddenly became worried about the possibility that some might think that *Doll's House* connoted a bawdy House.

With a collective straight face the radio writers considerately offered a substitute title—"*Nora Faces Life*". . . .

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Len Zinberg's novel **Walk Hard, Talk Fast** has been film optioned by **Julian Roffman.** . . .

City College alumni artists will have their work exhibited in the Townsend Harris auditorium February 15th as a part of the school's Centennial celebration. Artists include **William Steig, Walter Pach, William Auerbach Levy, Ben Shahn, Ralph Blake Lock, Ben Wilson,** and **S. J. Woolf,** New York Times illustrator. . . .

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The fight's on for the next Borough Presidency of Brooklyn. Post is important to politicos; carries three votes on the Board of Estimate and much weight on appropriations and patronage deals.

***Council majority leader and vice-chairman* Joseph Sharkey *has his hat in the ring but it doesn't look too good. Present president* Cashmore *isn't crazy about* Sharkey *and favors Brooklyn Commissioner of Public Works* Lynch.**

***However, look for a strong dark horse for the nomination—a well known Brooklyn merchant who campaigned for* O'Dwyer. . . .**

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NEWSPAPER TALK

Harper's Magazine* bought a series of three anti-Soviet articles by *John Fischer,* formerly with UNRRA. Fischer is also publishing a book called *The Scared Men in the Kremlin.

***Paul White,* head of the UNRRA mission in the Ukraine, was there with Fischer at the same time.**

According to White, here are Fischer's qualifications as an expert on the U.S.S.R.:

1. A ten day stay in Moscow.

2. Fifty days in Kiev—ten of which were spent in illness in his room. Also included in this period were two official trips, complete with entertainment; one to Poltava which took three days, the other to Dnieper Dam which took five days.

3. An inability to speak Russian.

Fischer's book will be greeted with the usual buildup and ballyhoo all anti-Soviet books receive.

Watch for raves on *The Scared Men in the Kremlin* in the *New York Times, Book of the Month Club,* etc. They will use words like "*authoritative,*" "*sensational revelations,*" and "*behind the iron curtain*". . . .

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LAUNCH LICHTENSTEIN FUND

A plan to spur worker education has been announced by the Communist Party of Manhattan County with the launching of the Harry Lichenstein Memorial Fund.

It is named for a man who contributed to education and distribution of Marxist literature until his death last year. The fund will provide schooling, scholarships and classes under the leadership of the Manhattan county organization of the Communist Party.

East Side born and bred in the struggles of New York labor, Lichtenstein served as circulation manager of the Daily Worker, manager of the Workers Bookstore, and treasurer of Manhattan County.

The memorial drive will be launched officially at a meeting in Stuyvesant Casino, 142 Second Ave., Friday, Jan. 31.